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Shiny Stud

Maryland's Golden Lad puts together big freshman year

SUPER NINETY NINE
Maryland's Leading Second-Crop Sire

Jim McCue (2)

Super Sire in the Making? Young Super Stars

Debuting for a Country Life Farm Racing Partnership, LET'S PLAY NINE ran off to a 10½-length maiden win on Nov. 28, earning an 85 Beyer.

Country Life and the Moon Map LLC bred TOMMY SHELBY, 3rd MD Juvenile Futurity on Dec. 7, 3 wins in 6 starts, and earnings of $106,877.

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Entries close: July 10

Midlantic December Mixed & Horses of Racing Age — **December 8**
Main catalogue entries close: September 18
H.O.R.A. supplement entries close: mid-November

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Laddie Liam sold for $450,000 to set a winter mixed sale record at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic. *Page 30*

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

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Breeding season brings stallion developments

Maryland-based Force the Pass is a rare new name on the Mid-Atlantic's 2020 stallion roster, though plenty is happening with 2019 success by Warrior's Reward, Flashback, Golden Lad, Bourbon Courage, Imagining and others, plus first-crop 2-year-olds for Mosler, Peace and Justice, Uncle Lino, etc., in 2020. By Joe Clancy. Page 24

Juvenile successes propel strong December sale

Stakes winner Laddie Liam, a Maryland-bred from the dispersal of major owner Joe Besecker, brings $450,000 to lead the returns from Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December mixed sale. By Joe Clancy. Page 30

Certified program helps Virginia continue rebound

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Steeplechase season draws to close

Jockeys Michael Mitchell and Jack Doyle finish in a fitting tie for the championship; Andi'amu claims the timber crown; double Grade 1 winner Winston C heads Eclipse Award race; NSA weathered storms in 2019, looks ahead to 2020. Page 60

Cover: **Northview Stallion Station's Golden Lad steps into the spotlight with stakes wins and banner sales returns in his first crop.** Photo by Barbara Livingston

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POST TIME

MOON WALKER. The last full moon of the decade sets on a Fair Hill Training Center resident in the early hours of Dec. 12.

Scott Serio, Eclipse Sportswire

SAY IT AGAIN

"Sometimes it's heaven, sometimes it's hell and sometimes I don't even know."
Sales consignor Marshall Silverman, paraphrasing Waylon Jennings, on the horse business

"Well, this way we can empty it when it fills up—like email."
Country Life Farm's Mike Pons, on why he was having a conversation with MAT's Joe Clancy while standing next to a trash can

"Keep your hand down."
Trainer Lacey Gaudet, on how to behave at a horse sale

"Had we known, we would have had somebody on Boyd right? Maybe they could have escorted him out."
Trainer Gary Contessa, on bidding against a telephone bidder on the line with Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. to get sales-topper Laddie Liam for $450,000

"This was supposed to be a part-time job; it's technically still a part-time job, but when you have over a hundred horses in training it's not part-time at all."
Jeff Matty, on his role as racing manager for owner Joe Besecker

"It's like getting married. You're going to be together for four years. You better like that horse."
Bonita Farm's Bill Boniface, on the stallion business

"People ask me who won, still. I say they both won."
Boniface, who saw the 1989 Preakness (Sunday Silence-Easy Goer) from the Pimlico turf course

"Macy's doesn't tell Gimbel's."
Diamond B Farm's Glenn Brok, about new-stallion chatter among farms

"He's Chuck around here."
Brok about stallion Uptowncharlybrown's barn nickname

ELLEN PONS

Featherweights. *Country Life Farm retiree Mosby's Raider (who turned 22 Jan. 1) helps some friends learn to ride.*

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"When I saw him he blew me away... He is a really big handsome, sturdy colt. He's got the walk, the shoulder and the hip."

***GARY CONTESSA**, trainer and adviser for DJ Stable.*

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AT THE TRACK:

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Maryland Million Lassie S.

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SHE'SMYSUNSHINE
Won/placed in 4 of 5 starts, including 3rd Parx Juvenile Fillies S.

GOLDEN LAD

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Statistics through 12/10/19

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Cigar's magical run

NYRA/ADAM COGLIANESE

Late November 1994 marked the blast-off point for the legendary Maryland-bred Cigar. Making his 15th start, and first in a stakes on dirt, the 4-year-old owned and bred by Allen Paulson dominated the NYRA Mile-G1 at Aqueduct, galloping away from top-class handicap horse Devil His Due to win by 7 lengths.

Over the next 24 months Cigar made 18 starts, won 14 stakes (10 Grade 1s), won all 10 starts at 5, captured the first Dubai World Cup, was a two-time Horse of the Year, and became the world's richest Thoroughbred.

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred will follow Cigar's magical run 25 years ago as he pushed his win streak to 16—the longest for a horse at the highest level since Citation 45 years earlier—and beyond, from his surprising first stakes win to his retirement as the world's most famous horse.

NYRA Mile Handicap-G1

Nov. 26, 1994 – Aqueduct

Jockey Jerry Bailey summed up the situation after Cigar's triumph. "Cigar really smoked them," he said. The bay colt, sent off at nearly 9-1, proved much the best over a field that included favorite Devil His Due (who carried top weight of 124 to Cigar's 111) and 1993 champion handicap horse Bertrando. Punch Line, a Virginia-bred son of Maryland sire Two Punch, finished third in the field of 12. Cigar completed the mile in 1:36.10 and earned a 115 Beyer Speed Figure (he would earn triple digit Beyers in all his U.S. starts from then out).

Cigar, a foal of 1990, was born at the Pons family's Country Life Farm in Bel Air, when his dam Solar Slew (by Seattle Slew) was sent there to be bred to Corridor Key (in whom Paulson owned a 25-percent interest). Cigar was among the first horses to foal in Maryland for Paulson, who also owned 25 percent of Country Life's Allen's Prospect.

Cigar was described as a "runnin' fool" by Ted Carr, manager of Paulson's Brookside Farm in Kentucky, since being switched from turf to dirt just months earlier. Unraced at 2, the son of turf star Palace Music broke his maiden over Hollywood Park's dirt track in May at 3, but then trainer Alex Hassinger targeted a grass career. Cigar placed in graded stakes but was unable to crack through to the top level. Given a long rest after finishing 11th in the Hollywood Derby-G1 in November 1993, he was sent to New York trainer Bill Mott.

After several more lackluster performances on the turf, Mott tried Cigar on the dirt. The result was an 8-length allowance win at Aqueduct, followed by the NYRA Mile, his fourth career win, to boost his earnings to $270,015. "He could be a serious handicap horse for us in 1995," predicted Carr.

The NYRA Mile was renamed the Cigar Mile in 1997.

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Runner-up in Rebel S.-G2
(to American Pharoah), Discovery H.-G3,
Excelsior S.-G3, Harlan's Holiday S.

On the board in 19 of 24 Career Starts
Ran Multiple 100-Plus Beyer Figures

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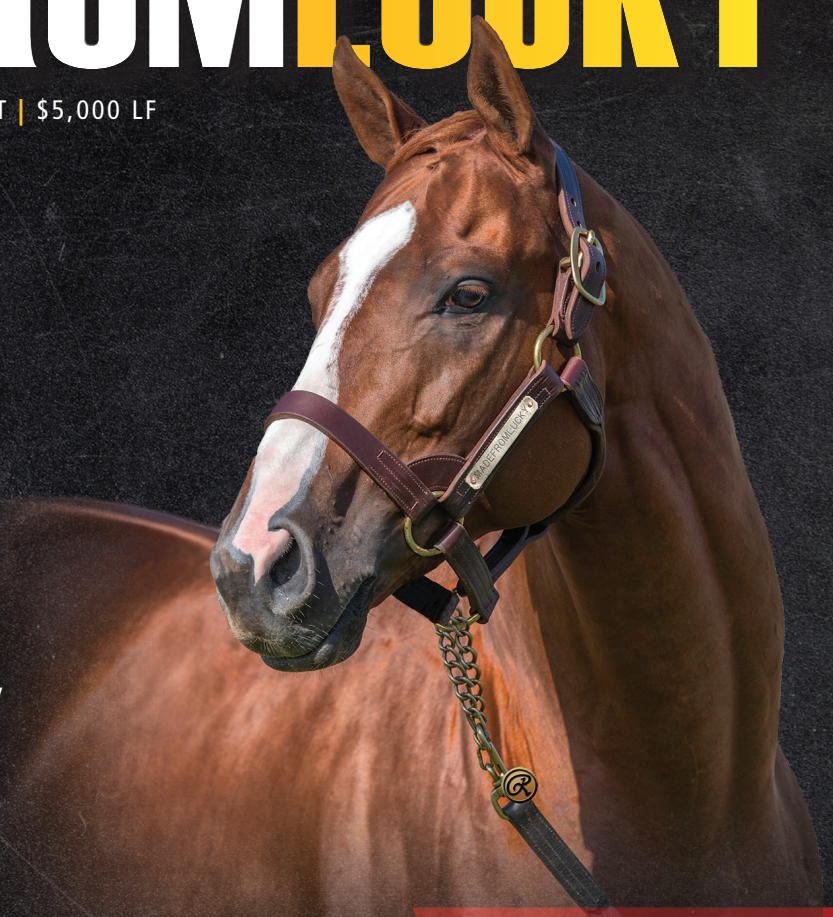

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MILESTONES

Announced: A schedule consisting of 38 stakes, 11 graded, worth $6.325 million through mid-May 2020 at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, the Maryland Jockey Club. The 145th edition of the $1.5 million Preakness Stakes-G1 anchors the schedule and anchors a card of 10 stakes worth $2.75 million on the third Saturday in May. Two stakes run Preakness Weekend—the Chick Lang for 3-year-olds at 6 furlongs and Gallorette for older fillies and mares on the grass, could also receive purse hikes to $250,000 and $200,000, respectively, if elevated to Grade 2 status by the American Graded Stakes Committee. The Federico Tesio Stakes, Maryland's traditional prep for the Preakness, also received a purse boost from $125,000 to $200,000 for 2020. Five $100,000 stakes were moved from the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2 Day to the Preakness undercard—the Skipat, Sir Barton, James W. Murphy, The Very One and Searching. The Black-Eyed Susan card also features the Pimlico Special Handicap-G3, Adena Springs Miss Preakness Stakes-G3, Allaire duPont Distaff Stakes-G3, Hilltop Stakes and inaugural restricted Milkmaid Stakes at 1 1/16 miles for non-winners of an open stakes.

Scored: The 2,000th race of his career, trainer Michael Stidham. The Fair Hill-based conditioner collected the milestone victory when Lem Me Tel Ya won the eighth race on Tampa Bay Downs' Opening Day card Nov. 27. Stidham, who started training in 1979, went into mid-December already ahead of his career-best seasons for victories and purse earnings. He won 107 races from 578 starts and purses of $4,443,778 through Dec. 11, topping previous high marks of 106 wins in 2017 and $3,747,766 in purses in 2016. Stidham trained millionaire and Grade 2 winner Willcox Inn and Grade 1 winners Zipessa, Two Altazano and Her Emmynency during his career.

Anne M. Eberhardt

Released: A study that shows treatment with Lasix 24 hours out shows promise, the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. Published in the Journal of Veterinarian Internal Medicine, the study funded by Grayson-Jockey Club examined fit Thoroughbreds known to be bleeders and included testing using treadmill, training and simulating 1,100-meter races. According to Grayson-Jockey Club, the results from the simulating races "show that for horses that are known bleeders, the low-dose furosemide administered at 24 hours prior to post with maintenance water has great promise as a replacement to the current four-hour administration of furosemide. These findings are encouraging and indicate that Lasix is capable of attenuating (exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage) for a longer duration than traditionally believed.

Surpassed: The $1 billion threshold in sales since its inception in 2002, NTRA Advantage. The equine purchasing program available to National Thoroughbred Racing Association member organizations, individuals and affiliates produced an estimated $180 million in savings to industry stakeholders and customers. The NTRA said a majority of the sales over the past 17 years were driven by founding Advantage partner John Deere and that the program was on pace in 2019 to post calendar year sales of $59 million, highest since 2007. Other NTRA Advantage partners include Office Depot, Red Brand Fences, Sherwin-Williams, Suncast and UPS.

Scheduled: The seventh Thoroughbred Owner Conference for the first time at Saratoga Race Course, OwnerView. Registration for the July 20-21 event was slated to open in mid-December at ownerview.com. OwnerView announced that videos of the panel discussions and presentations from the sixth conference in 2019 are available at ownerview.com/conference-videos.

Launched: A partnership with software company HeadCheck Healthy to create an industry-specific electronic injury tracking system with a focus on optimizing concussion safety and medical care at racetracks, MedStar Health, Delaware Jockeys Health and Welfare Fund and Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. The sports medicine team at MedStar Health used experience with professional sports teams to create Horsemen's Health System, which includes the development and implementation of sport-specific concussion protocol and return-to-ride protocol for any jockey who suffers a suspected concussion. HeadCheck Health created a robust, dynamic, electronic injury tracking system focused on addressing the unique challenges of implementing and mandating concussion protocols at racetracks.

Introduced: The "Win Today, See You In May" series that consists of races from tracks across the country that will offer automatic entry into stakes races over Preakness weekend in 2020, the Maryland Jockey Club. The series features stakes races from Charles Town Races, Laurel Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park and Oaklawn Park. The races include the Federico Tesio Stakes at Laurel, Oaklawn Invitational Stakes, and El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate. The winners of those races who are nominated to the Triple Crown will lock in a spot for the 145th Preakness May 16 at Pimlico Race Course. Other automatic bids include Golden Gate's San Francisco Mile Stakes-G3, which serves as a qualifier to the 119th running of the Dixie Stakes-G2 and Oaklawn's Count Fleet Sprint Handicap-G3, which serves as a qualifier for the Maryland Sprint Handicap-G3. Each winner will have nomination, starter and entry fees waived.

Created: The Thoroughbred Safety Coalition, by the nation's leading Thoroughbred racing organizations. The coalition aims to create and implement a series of significant safety, medication, operational and integrity guidelines across Thoroughbred racing to ensure the well-being of horses and jockeys, while increasing transparency and accountability. The founding members include Breeders' Cup, Churchill Downs, Keeneland Association, the New York Racing Association, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and The Stronach Group.

Granted: Awards of $3.42 million by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance to 74 Thoroughbred aftercare organizations that hold TAA accreditation. Since inception in 2012, the TAA has awarded more than $17.2 million in grants to accredited Thoroughbred aftercare organizations.

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NAMES OF THE MONTH

Campari: The Maryland-bred gelding is out of Sweet Elixir. To the uninitiated, Campari is an Italian liqueur made from infusing herbs and fruits in alcohol and water.

Altar Issues: The broodmare, sold at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December sale, is by Broken Vow.

Infatuated: The broodmare, sold at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December sale, is by More Than Ready out of He Loves Me.

Nightlife: Everest Stables' homebred Maryland-bred mare, a winner twice at Laurel in 2019, is by Into Mischief out of Fame and Fashion.

Odds R Against Us: Bred and owned by Clover Hill Farm, the Despite the Odds—Broken Treaty gelding won at Charles Town in November.

Cutefacechubywaist: The Pennsylvania-bred filly, now 4 and a two-time winner, is by Hey Chub out of top New Jersey-bred racemare Geeky Gorgeous.

GO FIGURE

1 Person who put pickle relish on a crab cake at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale; we hope it was only one anyway.

2 Mid-Atlantic-bred runners tied for the most wins in the nation in 2019 with nine (through Dec. 15). A winner of six straight, five stakes, West Virginia-bred Anna's Bandit has the most earnings, with $401,830, from 11 starts. New Jersey-bred Phonemyposseagain has won seven straight at Charles Town, Mountaineer and Timonium.

THE RACING BIZ
The Independent Voice for Mid-Atlantic Racing and Breeding

Maryland Racing Commission pumps brakes on "house rules": The Maryland Racing Commission in November announced a delay in implementation of its "house rules" to provide more time for public input, Frank Vespe reports.

Sharing zooms to head of Top Midlantic-Bred Poll: Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1 winner Sharing takes the lead in the latest–and second to last of 2019–edition of the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*/The Racing Biz Top Midlantic-bred Poll..

On Breeding–Sharing early to the party: Maryland-bred Sharing is–like her sire and dam–a Breeders' Cup winner, but unlike her pedigree suggests is impressively precocious, writes George Adams.

Delaware–Stolen horses, unlicensed participants, and more from stewards: Though the Delaware Park season is over, the stewards continued their work, including slapping three trainers with suspensions from six months to five years, reports Vespe.

All heart–Port Louis taking Haynes on unexpected joyride: Port Louis scored a stunner Maryland Million day and is providing the best therapy for new trainer Bob Haynes months after his heart surgery, Vespe reports.

Piassek–Criticizing PETA won't save horses, or racing: The racing industry's criticism of PETA and other antagonists has been swift, harsh–and a distraction from the issues that really matter, writes John Piassek.

Horsemen: racing protesters lack knowledge, common sense

Abridged story by Frank Vespe, posted Dec. 10 in Breaking, Business, Regionwide, Top Stories. Read the story in its entirety at TheRacingBiz.com.

Ellen Charles had a message for anti-horse racing protesters, the people who call racing "animal cruelty plain and simple," the folks who aim–in one way or another–to abolish a sport to which she has dedicated much of her life and fortune.

"We take care of them, and we love them, and when something happens to one of our horses, you cry; it breaks your heart," Charles, who races and breeds as Hillwood Stable LLC said Dec. 7 at Laurel Park. The protesters, of course, have gotten plenty of publicity this year, as the sport has struggled with a crisis at Santa Anita Park that has mushroomed to engulf the industry as a whole.

So, too, have racing's leaders, who have responded in a typically disorganized and flailing fashion.

Rank-and-file horsemen and -women, on the other hand, haven't had much of a stage. But it turns out they have plenty to say.

"I would say that these horses get better care than they [the protesters] do, and they really need to know what goes on here for real instead of watching what they see on the internet," said veteran trainer Jerry Robb.

Another frustration is the seeming lack of awareness among protesters of the inherent fragility of the breed.

"Thoroughbreds are big animals on spindly legs, and injuries happen," Charles said. "Sometimes you have horses that do that in the field, and they're not being ridden, not being asked to excel. It happens."

Charles added, "These horses were bred to run, and by and large, we take very good care of the horses."

In the end, racing folks see–not without reason–much of the protesters' rhetoric as a direct attack on their lives and livelihood.

. . . With no common experience and no common language, the people waving signs outside the track and those toiling with horses inside it aren't likely to achieve a common understanding.

"They [the protesters] don't understand why we do this," Charles said. "We're not doing it for the money and things like that. We're doing it because we love it. This is what we do: We get up early in the morning, and we take care of them."

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Prices heat up at Keeneland November sale

Nearly 100 horses bred in the Mid-Atlantic sold from Nov. 6-17 at Keeneland's 2019 November breeding stock sale in Lexington, Ky. Maryland-bred graded stakes-winning Grade 1 producer Purely Hot, a Book 1 supplement, brought a final bid of $1.2 million from Hugo Merry Bloodstock to top the regional breds sold.

In foal to classic winner Union Rags, Purely Hot was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency. The now 12-year-old mare has two named foals of racing age, one the just-turned 3-year-old Eight Rings, winner of last year's American Pharoah Stakes-G1 at Santa Anita and one of the favorites in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1.

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, the daughter of Pure Prize out of the Kissin Kris mare Wood Not launched her career for her breeders' Triple Tree Stable, winning a maiden special weight first-time out at Laurel at the end of her 3-year-old season. She bounced around claiming races in Pennsylvania and Maryland at 4 and 5 until landing in the barn of Nick Caruso, for owner Tuozzo Racing, in March 2013 off a $10,000 claim at Penn National. By that June she was a stakes winner, taking the Satin and Lace at Presque Isle Downs, and three months later was graded stakes-placed with a solid second behind champion Groupie Doll in the Presque Isle Downs Masters-G2. Purely Hot sold that November at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky sale as a racing prospect for $225,000.

The next year after a win for Unlimited Equine in Woodbine's Whimsical Stakes-G3 and placing third in the Satin and Lace after being bred to Bodemeister, she once again went through Fasig-Tipton's November sale, with WinStar Farm taking her home for $250,000. After slipping the Bodemeister foal, her first is the Malibu Moon colt Montana Moon, who sold for $275,000 as a yearling in 2017 and has yet to win; Eight Rings brought $520,000 a year later. She is also the dam of a 2018 colt by Tourist and a 2019 filly by Pioneerof the Nile.

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Grade 1 producer Purely Hot tops all Mid-Atlantic breds at Keeneland.

Pennsylvania-bred graded stakes winner Lucy N Ethel was the second-highest offering, as Woodford Thoroughbreds bid $650,000 for the now 7-year-old daughter of During sold in foal to Quality Road. Bred by Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. and J.A.G. Racing, who campaigned her throughout her career, Lucy N Ethel won her first four starts, topped by the Grade 2 Prioress and Grade 3 Old Hat Stakes.

The top-priced weanling was George Doetsch Jr.'s Maryland-bred colt by leading sire Kitten's Joy out of the graded stakes-producing Grand Slam mare Uniformly Yours, purchased by Shadwell Estate Company for $500,000. The first two foals Doetsch bred out of Uniformly Yours are multiple stakes winner Enchanted Ghost and Selflessly, winner of the Miss Grillo Stakes-G2 last September in her second start and fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1.

Multiple Grade 1-winning Pennsylvania-bred Dame Dorothy had the distinction of being the sale's highest-priced RNA, failing to sell for $3.1 million. The 9-year-old mare was offered by Stone Farm, agent, in foal on a late cover to Uncle Mo. Her oldest foal is the unraced 3-year-old Curlin filly Spice Is Nice, a $1.05 million sales yearling.

Ninety-six Mid-Atlantic-breds sold, 16 for six figures or more. The following sold for more than $200,000 (with breeder and consignor):

$1,200,000. Purely Hot, b.m., 2008, Pure Prize—Wood Not, by Kissin Kris (in foal to Union Rags); Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau (Md.); Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent CXCV; Hugo Merry Bloodstock.

$650,000. Lucy N Ethel, dk.b./br.m., 2013, During—Kid Silver, by Silver Ghost (in foal to Quality Road); Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. and J.A.G. Racing Inc. (Pa.); Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent XCII; Woodford Thoroughbreds.

$500,000. B.c., 2019, Kitten's Joy—Uniformly Yours, by Grand Slam; George Louis Doetsch Jr. (Md.); Nursery Place, agent; Shadwell Estate Company Ltd.

$385,000. Dk.b./br.c., 2019, Pioneerof the Nile—Skipstone, by Montbrook; Morgan's Ford Farm and Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate (Va.); Morgan's Ford Farm; Cherry Knoll Farm, Peter Pugh, agent.

$380,000. Inventive, b.m., 2005, Dixie Union—Original, by Storm Cat (in foal to City of Light); Fitzhugh LLC (Md.); Hunter Valley Farm, agent; Baccari Bloodstock.

$340,000. Another Broad, b.f., 2015, Include—Dynamic Deputy, by Deputy Minister; Fitzhugh LLC (Md.); ELiTE, agent; Farfellow Farms Ltd.

$285,000. Intentional Cry, ch.m., 2009, Street Cry (Ire)—Gold Mover, by Gold Fever (in foal to Uncle Mo); Edward P. Evans (Va.); Estate of William D. Graham (Windhaven Farms), Four Star Sales, agent; Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC.

$245,000. Cinderella Time, b.m., 2011, Stephen Got Even—Dethroned, by Defrere (in foal to Twirling Candy); Holly Crest Farm (N.J.); Lane's End, agent; Michael Lischin and Bob Petersens Stable.

$230,000. Dk.b./br.c., 2019, Nyquist—Street Interest, by Street Cry (Ire); Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.); Morgan's Ford Farm; Brookstone Farm.

$225,000. Dk.b./br.c., 2019, Speightstown—Tensas Cowgirl, by Cowboy Cal; HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (Pa.); Ballysax Bloodstock, agent XX; de Meric Stables, agent.

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Remembering Frugal Doc

Lydia A. Williams

Following nine seasons on the track and 22 years spent in retirement, New Jersey-bred veteran Frugal Doc died Nov. 22 at Brooklyn Meadows in Berlin, Md. He was 32.

Making his first start at Monmouth Park in June 1989, Frugal Doc went on to prove that when it came to his racing career, he would make numbers count. Representing various owners, trainers and jockeys over his 113 starts at nine racetracks, the dark bay gelding held a record of 29 wins, 24 seconds and 18 thirds, with $782,547 earned.

Bred by the late Dr. George Rosenberger, the son of Maryland stallion Baederwood and the Run For Nurse mare Run Columbia won or placed in stakes at 2, 5, 6 and 7, with the highlight coming in 1996 as the 9-year-old captured the Maryland Million Classic for owners Ed Wilson and Steve Madeoy of L.W.B.R. Stable and trainer Scott Posey.

Winning at 35-1, Frugal Doc shocked many, including Posey, "I actually had two horses in the Classic that day and I was really watching the other horse [Tote Dancer] to tell you the truth, because I thought he had a chance, until Frugal Doc went onto the lead." Tote Dancer finished eighth of nine.

"In all of the horses that I ran, I think I only had a horse get passed in the stretch and come back and win twice, and it was Frugal Doc both times," said Posey, who claimed the gelding for $18,500 in 1994. "You very rarely see it–once a horse has given up, he's given up or gets passed, but he came back two times in that same year [1996]. He did that in the Classic, as he was passed in the lane and came back and won, and a few months earlier at Timonium he did the exact thing."

Frugal Doc remains the oldest horse to win the Maryland Million Classic, and he's also among the leaders for Maryland Million starts with six.

Making four more starts after the Classic, Frugal Doc was retired in 1997 due to a sub-located fetlock joint and given to Posey's wife Kerry, the gelding's exercise rider.

"When he had been retired, there was no chance he was going anywhere else," said Scott Posey.

Within the next year, the Poseys had purchased a 5-acre property in Dayton, Md., with Frugal Doc the first resident. By January 1999, Scott had given up training and the couple joined the gelding on the farm, with their new home constructed in the center of Frugal Doc's paddock. Leaving the world of Thoroughbred racing behind, Scott pursued a career in real estate and property management.

The gelding's first few years of retirement consisted of a handful of trail rides with Kerry and one exciting trip to Timonium for a day devoted to the gelding. Kenneth McMillan, a jockey who had ridden Frugal Doc in a few stakes races, had planned to gallop him around the track for the crowd.

"When Frugal Doc hit that racetrack, Kenny, who was originally going to do it by himself, had to have an outrider take him all the way around. If they had cut him loose, that horse would have taken off," said Scott Posey.

Following that outing, the trainer decided that would be the last time the lively retiree would have anyone on his back–nor would he take any more trips off of the farm. Living a life of ease, Frugal Doc was never alone, sharing his pastures with pony companions Roma and Lacy.

Posey and his family remained in Maryland until moving to Mount Pleasant, S.C., in May 2019. In the process of preparing for the move, it was decided that Frugal Doc would stay behind, left in the care of Posey's sister, Kristi Miller.

Despite having little horse experience, Miller took Frugal Doc and Roma, visiting them daily at Brooklyn Meadows.

"Frugal Doc was very enjoyable to be around," said Miller. "He was more loving and affectionate than I expected and it was truly a blessing to spend his final year with him, learning more about racehorses and horses in general."

Healthy and strong until the end, Frugal Doc was found lying in the middle of his stall in the early hours of Nov. 22, having died in his sleep.

A horse who seemed to repel the idea of weakness, and faced off against the likes of Cigar and Concern, Frugal Doc won for his breeder and trainer James Simpson, plus Yvonne Stoner and trainer Frannie Campitelli before becoming a member of the Posey family for nearly 25 years–Frugal Doc will forever be in a league of his own.

– Sara Gordon

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Battle Op

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Olympic gold medalist Bruce Davidson was happy to see Regina Welsh. Welsh ventured to Davidson's Unionville, Pa., farm in search of show jumping prospects for a group of buyers from Mexico. Among the sales horses presented was a tall, rangy gray ridden by a working student of Davidson's.

"I've got a Maryland Hunt Cup horse for you right here," Davidson assured Welsh.

The young rider sent the horse through a grid of five fences no higher than 2-foot-6. The pair destroyed the entire line, rails hitting the ground like matchsticks tossed from a box. Welsh issued a polite "thank you" and mentally dismissed the horse.

"Bruce was showing multiple horses to several different people that day, so he started re-showing them at the other end of the ring," Welsh said, "So there was this young Irish event rider working with Bruce at that time, and he came back out on the horse. With literally no prep, he cantered down to this upright single rail about 4 feet high and just rocked over it. And I was like, 'Wait a second—bring that one back.' We were blown away by him."

The horse was Battle Op, a homebred for Karen Dempsey from the Allen's Prospect mare Allepia. The spitting image of his sire, Ops Smile, was foaled in Maryland on March 26, 2000. Battle Op began his career for trainer Jonathan Sheppard in 2004, finishing second in one start over hurdles at High Hope in Lexington, Ky. Davidson reschooled and remarketed the horse as an event prospect and felt sure he'd be a fit for Welsh and her clients. Battle Op stuck in Welsh's mind.

Dempsey contacted Welsh when Battle Op wasn't sold within the agreed-upon timeframe. Welsh, then training privately for owner Mike Hankin's Northwoods Stables, made an offer, Dempsey accepted, and Battle Op proved Davidson right. Welsh and Hankin had a Maryland Hunt Cup prospect.

"The great thing about him was he already knew how to jump, so I just had to get him to slow down a little. He's a lot of horse; a really big, tall boy and really strong. So for me, a 5-5 chick training by myself, I had to be able to hold him. I don't know that I could have galloped him in behind everybody, but I was always leading the set so it wasn't too bad. He was super talented, a really balanced horse and an amazing jumper. Whatever we asked him to do, he rose to the occasion."

Battle Op earned his wins on the point-to-point circuit, but managed to place in eight of his 13 starts on the National Steeplechase Association circuit. Named Novice Horse of the Year by the Maryland Steeplechase Association in 2008, he made his first start in the Maryland Hunt Cup in 2010. He and Chris Read finished third behind Twill Do and Private Attack. Hankin and

Welsh brought him back to Glyndon for the 2011 running, where he and Read parted company at the 10th fence.

"He was a really special horse for Mike because he was the first racehorse trained at the farm who went on for Connor [Hankin, Mike's son] to ride. I'd been training for Mike since Connor was a kid. And it wasn't that many years later that Battle Op was running. It was so cool for Connor as a young man to watch this all go on, and later he actually got to ride. And even though I wasn't still training the horse, it was cool to see that all go down and I was super proud of both Connor and Battle Op."

When Welsh decided to pursue other opportunities, Lilli Kurtinecz assumed training duties with Battle Op. He made two sanctioned starts for her that spring, both with Connor Hankin, then a high school senior, in the saddle. Mike Hankin remembers a gutsy second to Twill Do in the 2012 Maryland Hunt Cup as a defining moment for both his son and the gelding–with a nod toward five-time Hunt Cup winner Crompton "Tommy" Smith.

"When Battle Op finished just behind Twill Do, I remember it was one of those famous Tommy Smith lessons where Tommy had said to Connor 'Just remember, you've got to jump the first 21, but then you've got to jump the last fence just exactly how you want to.' And he didn't. But that was an incredible time. There is a great series of photos taken at the 16th fence where Battle Op went down on his knees and got back up to come in second."

Twill Do was ridden by regular pilot James Stierhoff, who works for Hankin at Baltimore's Brown Advisory investment firm.

"The big joke at the office was going to be that James won the race but lost his job. But of course he didn't," Hankin laughed.

In 2013, Connor Hankin and Battle Op returned for the horse's fourth appearance in the Maryland Hunt Cup with trainer Jack Fisher at the helm.

"The thing about Battle Op for me was that he was a really good jumper and just a nice horse that you could put Connor on in those days," Fisher said. "He was a cool horse. I knew Connor and I knew he was a really good rider. The first time I ran Battle Op in the Hunt Cup, he looked like the winner until Connor went to the lead a little too soon, and then there was a mistake at the 19th."

Fisher and the Hankins returned for Battle Op's fifth consecutive start in the Maryland Hunt Cup the next year. In a full field of 15, only four horses finished the race won by Guts For Garters (Ire). Battle Op was in contention until losing Connor Hankin at the 18th.

And that wrapped it up. After trying the toughest timber course in the world five times, Battle Op headed into retirement at the Hankins' Butler, Md., farm.

"To me, Battle Op is a very, very good horse," Mike Hankin said. "In this country, we don't celebrate the horses that come in second and third like they do in England. And it's interesting to think about that, because Battle Op is a very good horse, but he never won the biggest races. But he got around very well and it was just bad luck that he didn't win that [2012] Hunt Cup, which was Connor's first. So now he's just hanging out and we're looking after him . . . and he's very happy."

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MAGGIE KIMMITT

Racehorse sales could be part of racing's future

Maybe we saw the future at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December mixed sale, where established racehorses were on sale and in demand.

A stakes-winning 2-year-old colt from the first crop of a Maryland stallion sold for $450,000. Another juvenile colt by the same stallion brought $210,000. A 2-year-old filly went to $175,000. A 5-year-old turf stakes horse brought $135,000.

And it wasn't just high-end sales and 2-year-olds. Six-time winner Papa Zulu, who scored for claiming prices of $8,000 in October and $16,000 in November, sold for $25,000. Three-year-old gelding W W Springtime, an allowance winner at Monmouth Park in September, went for $38,000. Matt Groff bought The Great Casby, an eight-time winner he used to own, for $30,000 five days after he won for a $16,000 claiming tag at Penn National.

Racehorses, real racehorses, were for sale—and sold—at Timonium. The sale got a big push from owner Joe Besecker's dispersal, but there was more to it than that. People wanted racehorses, and paid for them. Owners, trainers, agents, steeplechase people and more filled the sales pavilion and bought proven racehorses. For decent money.

Let them be a lesson.

When it comes to racing prospects, the American Thoroughbred sales market focuses its energy on yearlings and 2-year-olds. Older horses have for years changed hands through the claim box with a few pockets of auction action, usually sandwiched in around broodmares, weanlings, short yearlings and so on. As in, "Oh yeah, here's a racehorse. What will ya give?"

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic stacked its horses of racing age in a separate catalog (after broodmares, weanlings and yearlings) and was rewarded. Bids came in from the seats, the back ring, the top rail, the telephone desk, even the mobile phone of company president Boyd Browning Jr.

"There are a bunch of useful horses coming through here and that's good to see," said agent Beale Payne, who signed a $100,000 ticket for Ron Paolucci on stakes-winning turf sprinter Fielder. "They're bringing what they're worth, certainly, and a little bit more. It's a good mix of horses for someone like me."

New York trainer Gary Contessa, who will get the sales-topper Laddie Liam to train for DJ Stable, liked the opportunity to bid on proven commodities.

"You can fill some spots with horses like this, but man you had to pay a premium to get them," he said. "Horses who ran last week for $10,000 went for $20,000. It's the way it goes I guess."

The prices came with some benefits, at least when compared to the claiming game. Potential buyers could inspect the horses, consult veterinarians and make educated decisions. Buying a horse will always be a a gamble, but an auction removes a bit of the guessing and risk. Sellers have to stand behind their products. Buyers don't have to sweat out a shake with other potential owners—they just have to bid one more time than the other guy.

In today's world of animal-rights protesters at the gates of racetracks and questions about horse welfare, horses of racing age sales make a better case than the claiming system. Try explaining this to someone: Five-year-old mare No Picnic had been claimed six times in her 30 starts, meaning she'd been trained by Mike Trombetta, Marcos Zulueta, Joseph Taylor, Zulueta again, Kate DeMasi, Marya Montoya and Claudio Gonzalez between April 2018 and November 2019. She did her best for all of them, winning six times and pushing her career earnings to $258,066. At the sale she brought $20,000 on a bid by Bowman and Higgins Stable. If she's going to continue racing, and delay a broodmare career, her new owners will have to weigh the risks of putting her in a claiming race.

And that's a shame. Auctions ought to be the rule, not the exception. North American racing should follow the leads of most racing countries and find another way to write condition books, decrease the emphasis on claiming races, expand sales opportunities and in turn better answer horse welfare questions. You care about your horses? Then why do you drop them down and lose them for a claiming price? Couldn't you enter them in a sale, allow potential buyers to inspect them, let the market determine their value, get paid fairly and re-invest your sales proceeds in another horse while allowing some other owner or trainer a chance to do the same?

I've got nothing against horses who run in claiming races. Some of my best friends are/were claimers—search Equibase for Magic Sam (the 1973 version), Battle Courage and Dandy Danny for starters—but a racing system that rewards keeping a horse sounds far superior to one that rewards losing a horse to someone else.

The concept works in other countries, over and over. Horses compete for their breeders or initial buyers, find their levels in the stakes or handicap (not claiming) ranks, finish a season and—if the owner so chooses—get offered in a horses in training sale or some other spot. The pattern gets repeated year after year by major Thoroughbred operations and smaller outfits too. Besecker's dispersal was an anomaly, as a major American owner selling nearly all of his racing stock, but it wasn't that different from what Juddmonte, Godolphin, The Aga Khan and others do in Europe every year.

It works, and could work here too. ✹

THE MATCH SERIES

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3YO Sprint - Dirt

4/18/20	Robert Hilton S.	$100K	7 Fur	Charles Town
5/16/20	Chick Lang S. (G3)	$200K	6 Fur	Pimlico
6/21/20	Fred Lipkin S.	$100K	6 Fur	Penn National
7/11/20	Sussex S.	$100K	5½ Fur	Delaware Park
8/15/20	Victory Gallop S.	$100K	7 Fur	Colonial Downs
9/12/20	Jersey Shore S.	$100K	6 Fur	Monmouth Park
10/10/20	Bucks County S.	$100K	6½ Fur	Parx

3YO & Up Sprint - Dirt

4/18/20	Russell Road S.	$100K	7 Fur	Charles Town
5/16/20	MD Sprint H. (G3)	$150K	6 Fur	Pimlico
6/21/20	Chocolatetown S.	$100K	6 Fur	Penn National
7/11/20	Hockessin S.	$100K	6 Fur	Delaware Park
8/15/20	Chesapeake S.	$100K	7 Fur	Colonial Downs
9/12/20	Mr. Prospector S.	$100K	6 Fur	Monmouth Park
10/10/20	Bensalem S.	$100K	6½ Fur	Parx

3YO & Up Sprint - Turf

4/18/20	King Leatherbury S.	$100K	5½ Fur	Laurel Park
5/15/20	McKay Sprint S.	$100K	5 Fur	Pimlico
6/21/20	Bobby's Kitten S.	$100K	5 Fur	Penn National
7/11/20	Glasgow S.	$100K	7½ Fur	Delaware Park
8/15/20	Da Hoss S.	$100K	5½ Fur	Colonial Downs
9/12/20	Rainbow Heir S.	$100K	5½ Fur	Monmouth Park
10/10/20	Neshaminy S.	$100K	5 Fur	Parx

Fillies and Mares, 3YO & Up Sprint - Dirt

4/18/20	Dance To Bristol S.	$150K	7 Fur	Charles Town
5/16/20	Skipat S.	$100K	6 Fur	Pimlico
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8/15/20	Seeking The Pearl S.	$100K	7 Fur	Colonial Downs
9/12/20	Regret S.	$100K	6 Fur	Monmouth Park
10/10/20	Roamin Rachel S.	$100K	6½ Fur	Parx

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6/21/20	Susquehanna S.	$100K	1 1/16 Mi	Penn National
7/11/20	Just A Kiss S.	$100K	1 1/16 Mi	Delaware Park
8/15/20	The Old Nelson S.	$100K	1⅛ Mi	Colonial Downs
9/12/20	Violet S.	$100K	1 1/16 Mi	Monmouth Park
10/10/20	DeBunda Cup	$100K	1⅛ Mi	Parx

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Wide Open

Wasabi joins region's stallion game as 2020 breeding season approaches

By Joe Clancy

Venture capitalist, Loyola University professor and racing fan TK Kuegler dove into the Thoroughbred industry with the creation of Wasabi Ventures Stables in 2017. Less than three years later, more than 400 people call themselves members and own anywhere from 0.5 to 4.99 percent of at least one racehorse.

With the growing roster of customers, and horses, Wasabi's racehorse business is off and running at the track, at the sales and on the farm with an expanding group of broodmares.

So what's next?

A stallion. Kuegler and Wasabi will be a complete Thoroughbred entity in 2020, involved in virtually every aspect of the industry with the purchase of Force the Pass for stud duty.

The Grade 1 winner and millionaire joins the roster at Maryland's Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Md., this year. Kuegler the entrepreneur loves a new venture. Kuegler the racing guy loves the chance to find another niche. And Kuegler the businessman is really excited.

"It's the one part of the industry that acts like a real business, if you think about it," he said in November. "You have an asset, you sell pieces of that asset off like you do with any other product and if you do well it turns out well. Now, some of that's dumb luck just like it is in any other business but as a start-up guy, a guy who has made investments in technology start-ups my whole life it feels about the same. You pick one, you do the best you can. You won't know for three or four or five years if it actually did well. It felt very natural for me to do."

Wasabi considered 20 potential stallions before settling on the son of Speightstown. Yes, 20, and the team combed much of the Thoroughbred world while looking for the right horse.

"He was still running when we put him on the short list and then we were just lucky enough to be in the right spot at the right moment to make the right offer to get him," said Kuegler. "We had some others we were looking at, some sons of Galileo (Ire) because there's a vacuum there, even some horses in Ireland and England. We were scouring the planet to bring one in and he kind of fell into our lap. He was here. He was in New Jersey. We made an offer within an hour of him running his last race."

Force the Pass made 21 starts for breeder Colts Neck Stables and trainers Alan Goldberg and Jorge Duarte Jr., winning five (including the Grade 1 Belmont Derby Invitational in 2015) and earning $1,359,114. Unraced at 2, the chestnut won four times and was never worse than third in eight starts as a 3-year-old. He won a maiden race and the Cutler Bay Stakes at Gulfstream Park, finished second in the James W. Murphy at Pimlico, won the Penn Mile-G3 at Penn National, pulled a mild upset in the Belmont Derby, finished third in the Secretariat-G1 at Arlington and Commonwealth Derby-G2 at Laurel Park. At 4, he placed in four stakes without winning and after missing 2017, won the 2018 Cliff Hanger Stakes at Monmouth Park.

A turf runner, Force the Pass will stand for $4,000 and joins Bourbon Courage, Holy Boss, Imagining and Long River at Anchor and Hope but is owned solely by Wasabi. Kuegler will make sure the horse gets supported early by purchasing mares himself, selling lifetime breeding rights for $6,000 and creating a Force the Pass Select program targeting mares purchased at auction that match up well with the first-year stallion. They get a free season.

"The reaction has been good, really good," said Kuegler, who showed off Force the Pass at Laurel Park's stallion showcase day Nov. 30. "When you're playing the regional market and you're new it's interesting because there is a finite number of mares and a finite number of mare owners. We've sold about half the lifetime breeding rights already and we're close to 30 mares committed already. For this early, that's good."

The regional stallion business requires creative thinking.

"There's no forcing function like you have in Kentucky," Kuegler said, sounding every bit the college professor. "If they put a new stallion up, they sell everything in an hour. We don't have that here, so you've got to work and hustle and tell the story to make it work. The decisions get made way later here."

Kuegler said he sold two seasons at the stallion showcase, and expects the Wasabi broodmare band to number 35 by spring. The target for Force the Pass is 100 mares.

Force the Pass is a rare new player in the regional stallion market this year as most farms stood pat with stallions launched in the last few years.

Nobody generated more buzz late in 2019 than Maryland-based Golden Lad. Standing at Northview Stallion Station, the son of Medaglia d'Oro's first crop included stakes winners Hello Beautiful and Laddie Liam. Hello Beautiful won the Maryland Million Lassie and Maryland Juvenile Fillies Championship, and ranked

GEORGE ADAMS

Grade 1 winner Force the Pass, who will stand at Anchor and Hope Farm in Maryland, is a rare new name on the 2020 regional stallion roster.

among the country's top 2-year-old fillies by speed figures. Laddie Liam finished third at the Maryland Milion, but won his next two including the Maryland Juvenile Futurity and sold for $450,000 at the Fasig-Tipton December mixed sale.

"Golden Lad is doing well and it's going to get more exciting," said Northview's Paul O'Loughlin. "It's actually nice to see the competition doing well too, with Bourbon Courage and Imagining. They've had good first years, too. That's good for all of us. I think the Golden Lads will do even better as they go a bit further and get a bit older."

Though missing a star along the lines of former resident Not For Love, who died in 2016, Northview's Maryland division boasts a deep lineup also including Bandbox, Great Notion, Irish War Cry, Madefromlucky and Redeemed. Across the state line in Pennsylvania, Northview stood the richest stallion to retire to the region (with $4.7 million earned on the racetrack) in Hoppertunity. The son of Any Given Saturday's first foals arrive this year and he leads a lineup that also includes Bullsbay, Medallist, Peace and Justice and Uncle Lino. The gang was trying to make up for the loss of regional leader Jump Start, who died in May.

"Hoppertunity helped," said O'Loughlin. "We bred horses from everywhere–California, Arizona, New Mexico, Canada, everywhere. That was exciting and his horses are coming. Soundness, that's why people bred to him. He has a following, he's a good-looking horse and he retired sound. He's the flagship."

Without Jump Start, active regional leadership fell to Warrior's Reward. He moved to Pennsylvania's WynOaks Farm from Kentucky in time for last year's breeding season, bred 115 mares and made an immediate impact. Co-owned by Donny Brown and Tom McClay, Warrior's Reward looks to back up 2019 popularity with another busy year.

"We didn't have him this time last year, so it's been really quick," said Brown in November. "We already have a significant amount of signed contracts this year, which leads me to believe we'll have another pretty good year. We certainly are not going to attempt to cover any more mares than we did last year. He had a pretty full plate, but every indication is he's going to have another good year."

Brown and McClay own 40 mares together. Almost all are in foal to Warrior's Reward, so consider the partners as invested as any breeder and they feel that their horse's proven record–his 2020 crop will be his seventh–helps him stand out.

"He's a proven stallion and that helps us," Brown said. "We're grateful to have him and the response has been good. I like the established game more than taking a chance on a new stallion. The stud fee is the least of your problem. Keeping that mare healthy for 12 months and getting a foal on the ground is the hard part."

Like Golden Lad, Pennsylvania-based Flashback made plenty of late-year noise as the sire of Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 winner British Idiom. The Kentucky-bred, part of Flashback's second crop (when he stood at Hill 'n' Dale Farm), won all three of her starts for trainer Brad Cox–a sales-price restricted Saratoga maiden race, the Grade 1 Alcibiades at Keeneland and then the Breeders' Cup.

The big-stage success prompted at least a little discussion about the gray son of Tapit moving back to the Bluegrass, but so far he's staying put at Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville.

"The phone's been ringing for sure," said Glenn Brok in November. "We're hoping British Idiom will be champion 2-year-old filly, which would be really good for him. People want to sign contracts on him, one person at our stallion show wanted seven."

Flashback bred 22 mares in 2019. Expect the number to climb. The Diamond B lineup also includes Eastwood, Talent Search, Social Inclusion and the improbable Uptowncharlybrown. All have found

success at various levels. Brok called Talent Search his most underrated horse, likes the Speightstown line of Eastwood and thinks there's a chance Social Inclusion could catch lightning with his first runners this year.

But nobody matches "Chuck." Straight out of the Peanuts comic strip, Uptowncharlybrown's nickname might be humble, but he's managed to create a raft of winners from limited foal crops. His first four crops include 38 foals of racing age, 27 starters, 19 winners and progeny earnings of nearly $2.4 million through Dec. 16. He'll stand for $7,500 this year, $5,000 for mares foaling in Pennsylvania.

"He's pretty amazing, he's the real deal," said Brok. "When I go to Kentucky and say he stands at my place, they go 'Oh really.' Whether we get any mares from outside the state, I don't know. I'm not going to fib and say I've got 30 mares booked from Kentucky, but he's a talking horse even outside the state."

Brok, O'Loughlin and virtually any stallion owner/manager in Pennsylvania will quickly point to a resurgence of sorts in the state's breeding industry. Credit new-found stability in the incentives for breeders, owners and stallion owners. State money seemed to annually come up for discussion within the legislature, and that prompted at least some breeders to look elsewhere or foal some mares in other states with more stable structures in place.

"We went through a period a couple years ago where the program wasn't secure and people weren't confident and they didn't breed mares or weren't as active," said Brok. "People asked what we were going to do. We didn't have a choice. This is what we do. We had some success when everybody wasn't game enough to believe in the Pennsylvania program for a while. Now, people are coming back. Now you're seeing confidence again. That's a compliment to the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association] office and everyone there. We increased the mares, last year we had an influx of stallions . . . it's growth and progress."

Maryland's stallion roster took big jumps in recent years with the addition of a phalanx of new stallions over the last few years. Golden Lad, Bourbon Courage and Imagining all had their first runners in 2019 and occupy the top three spots on the region's first-crop sire list. Grace and Louis Merryman's Anchor and Hope

LOUISE REINAGEL

Hoppertunity (top) anchors the Pennsylvania lineup for Northview Stallion Station while Uptowncharlybrown continues to make a big impression for Diamond B Farm.

BARRIE REIGHTLER

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Farm survived all the foibles of a new business–and a barn fire–to finally see some action on the racetrack in 2019. Through Dec. 16, Bourbon Courage had six winners while Imagining had five–good for second and third behind in-state rival Golden Lad (whose crop included at least 13 more horses). The racing results gave Anchor and Hope a push.

"It's fun," said Louis. "The day Raging Whiskey won the Capote was amazing, really exciting to watch. Bourbon Courage had a couple of winners first time out, Double Crown and Stone Courageous, which was really cool. Imagining has some nice-looking horses coming too. Monday Morning Qb won his second start and looks like a nice horse."

The Merrymans carried 25 mares to help get their stallions started, and count on Maryland breeders' awards to push the business even further.

"Our first big crop is only 2 and we've done OK," said Louis of the bonus payments. "It helps you, but on the other hand you'd like for the business to support itself. We're getting there and it all goes back into the farm. It's all connected."

Anchor and Hope lost its main barn (but no horses) to a fire in August and Imagining showed just how nearly disastrous it all was while taking part in Laurel Park's stallion showcase day Nov. 30. The now 12-year-old chestnut has a few scars across his back from embers, though his attitude would make you believe he put out the fire by himself and served coffee and donuts to the first responders. He strutted around the Laurel paddock, stared down some human visitors while getting up close and personal, and saved his longest looks for a few gallopers on the racetrack.

"He was awesome," said Grace Merryman. "He's a good boy. He's so into his routine at home, but he travels really well and he's a sweet horse. The first horse went by on the track after the break and he was like, 'I remember this.'"

Bonita Farm's Bill Boniface didn't bring one of his three stallions to Laurel for the showcase, but was there to talk up Alliance, Dortmund and Kobe's Back. All entered stud in 2018, meaning they'll have yearlings this year.

"Business is very competitive," said Boniface. "We came with three new stallions in a year [2018] when there were seven other new stallions. But we've got

Proven sire Warrior's Reward (top) is the region's active leader while relative newcomer Bourbon Courage's first crop found success at the races in 2019.

BARRIE REIGHTLER

Murmur Farm's Blofeld's first foals are yearlings of 2020.

three nice horses. They're all interesting and I'd like to see them get more mares."

Bonita and Dortmund's owner Kaleem Shah have been offering free seasons to filly/mare stakes winners in Maryland for the last two years, and offer travel incentives for mares from Kentucky or New York. In addition, Dortmund's stud fee will be refunded if a yearling doesn't bring more than the $5,000 stud fee. Alliance, owned by Larry Karp's Barlar LLC, got a nice boost when Pennsylvania-bred Mirth won the Grade 1 Rodeo Drive Stakes in 2019. Her dam Di's Delight produced an Alliance foal in 2019 and was back in foal to him for 2020. Boniface called Kobe's Back "hickory as they come," and touted his foals.

"We're going to find out soon enough how it works," the veteran horseman said. "It takes so long to get them to the races."

With the early success of Golden Lad, Bourbon Courage, Imagining and even Murmur Farm's Hangover Kid (whose tiny first crop produced stakes winner Miss J McKay), racing success matters. This year will include the first runners for Mosler, Uncle Lino, Peace and Justice, Social Inclusion, Barbados, Golden Years and Juba. Of that group, the first two bred more than 100 mares apiece in 2017 so could have the most impact.

Country Life Farm's Mike Pons is anxiously awaiting Mosler's first runners, as the son of War Front has proven to be popular with breeders and yearling buyers. Country Life has 18 now 2-year-olds training at Merryland Farm, with another four headed to Middleburg Training Center in Virginia.

"We haven't felt this way about a first-crop stallion since Malibu Moon left," said Pons. "It's just the reaction his babies get from people and the way they're stamped. You don't have to get too close to them to figure out who their daddy is. There's a little buzz about him."

Country Life's Friesan Fire sired his second consecutive Maryland Million Classic winner in 2019, and holds a spot in the region's top five with more than 50 winners and nearly $2.7 million in earnings through Dec. 16. Super Ninety Nine will have to statistically weather small crops in 2019 and 2020, when he missed time due to injuries, but topped $1 million in progeny earnings for 2019. Divining Rod's first foals are yearlings of 2020, and there should be plenty as he bred 102 mares in 2018. In early sales action, owner/breeder Lael Stables spent $14,000 on a Divining Rod weanling at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic in December.

Beyond the new and relatively new guys, old pro Great Notion is still cranking out winners from his Maryland base with Northview.

The 20-year-old was third on the regional list of active sires–behind just Warrior's Reward and the West Virginia-based Fiber Sonde with more than $3.1 million in 2019 earnings through Dec. 16. Anna's Bandit led the way with nine wins and $401,830. Northview bumped his fee to $7,500, which will limit his book without doing much to his popularity. The rest will be up to the veteran stallion, who bred 76 mares in 2019 and has lifetime progeny earnings in excess of $21.5 million.

"I think he still is a bonus at that price," said O'Loughlin. "He will breed what he breeds. The phone has been ringing for him since September. People want to breed to him. He's great. He's an easy doer. He gets them in foal, but we've also got to have something coming along behind him and I think we do with some of the new horses."

The region's only son of Quality Road at stud, Blofeld, will have yearlings this year and continues to draw attention (with somewhat smaller books) to Maryland's Murmur Farm. Bred like Great Notion, via Elusive Quality on the sire side and Northern Dancer on the dam side, Blofeld will get a chance thanks to 30-mare books in each of his first two seasons.

"People love his foals," said Murmur's Audrey Murray. "It can be hard because people always want to go to the new stallion that comes along and hope they hit."

Blofeld garners the most attention at Murmur, which Murray runs with her son Kent after the death of her husband Allen in 2013, but the farm also stands Hangover Kid and 27-year-old Petionville. Hangover Kid has been limited by small crops, but his only starter turned out to be 2019 stakes winner Miss J McKay. Murray said that filly's full-brother recently sold privately for $75,000.

Like all regional stud farms, Murmur counts on the breeding and stallion incentives.

"It's very important," Audrey said. "You get that check, and it's 'I can pay some bills' or 'I can do some things on the farm I've been putting off.' We stress employment, the farm, the work we do. That's what the bonuses do for stallion farms. We buy hay and straw from our neighbors, we buy feed locally. There's a lot to it."

Shamrock Farm's Jim Steele agrees, and sees the impact daily. Shamrock stands Baltimore Bob, Barbados and the veteran Outflanker (still going strong at 26). They're not going to compete with Northview's big squad, but fill a niche nevertheless.

"There was a long time, you had to breed in Kentucky," said Steele. "Maryland is starting to come back, but it's not easy and it's not fast. We have such a great economic engine in the horse industry. There's so much to it, but it's a slow process. Kentucky is so business-oriented. If in three years it's not working, stallions are out of there. They get a little more time in regional markets."

Outflanker's 19th crop made it to the races in 2019, and he passed 330 winners and $29.3 million in progeny earnings. Barbados, a son of Speightstown, is the new kid and his first foals are 2-year-olds of 2020.

"I'm excited about him," Steele said. "He was good sprinting on the dirt and a lot of the others are turf horses or ran longer. He ran 1:09 and change [for 6 furlongs], he stamps his foals and a few are in good hands to be precocious 2-year-olds."

Legislation passed in 2019 in New Jersey, providing a subsidy of $10 million a year for five years to the Thoroughbred industry, for purses and bonuses to breeders and stallion owners, is creating more interest to breed in the state, said Mike Campbell, executive director of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ). "There is a lot of interest from people who hadn't bred here in the past who are bringing mares in, or those who were in New Jersey before. People realize things are moving in the right direction."

The stallion population is about the same, but an addition last year was Sea Wizard to Sam Fieramosca's long established Colonial Farms in Colts Neck. "The industry is starting to show an increase and interest," said Fieramosca, who got a dozen mares to Sea Wizard in 2019, and as of mid-December, had even more action for the winning son of Uncle Mo, with 15 mares already booked. "We'll be a little busy for the first time in a few years," he added. "We're very hopeful. And I think things will pick up. We're on an upswing right now."

Trainer Bill Hogan retired Ali to stud late in the season last year, and hopes to see more interest in the son of Pioneerof the Nile and the stakes-placed Tapit mare Tap Softly. Hogan's first stallion received a big update in his pedigree when half-brother Silver Prospector won the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes-G2 (worth points on the Kentucky Derby leaderboard) in November. Hogan stands Ali at Greenfields Farm in Colts Neck for private contract.

Hogan noted that a recent TBANJ meeting spurred more interest. "People are waiting to see if there is going to be something there in four years. Breeding is a long-term investment–I don't want to breed and when ready to run there is no place to run. Now that we've settled on the funding for the tracks, as we go along people will be more convinced."

Campbell agreed.

"They see the racing days, the purses–last year Jersey-bred purses were up 57 percent from 2018, and our total awards program was up 61 percent," he said. "People are taking notice."

ELLEN PONS

Country Life Farm will see the first crop of Mosler run in 2020.

NOTES: West Virginia's stallion lineup continues to thrive, with the likes of Fiber Sonde, Windsor Castle and Limehouse cranking out runners and wins at Charles Town. Fiber Sonde's success took another leap forward in 2019 with graded stakes winner Runnin'toluvya. Second-crop sire Capo Bastone had eight winners from just 16 runners . . . Veteran Smarty Jones (now 19) was still going in Pennsylvania, at Equistar Farm. His 2019 runners included stakes winner Someday Jones . . . Virginia's small stallion roster included Mr. Sidney, who had 20 winners in 2019 through Dec. 16. The son of Storm Cat is at Riverview Farms in Quicksburg and stands for a $6,500 fee. Friend Or Foe's 2019 statistics included six winners from just eight runners, and $497,001 in earnings, led by stakes winner Mr. Buff. The son of Friends Lake stands at Smallwood Farm in Crozet, for a $1,000 fee and also breeds for the sporthorse market . . . Pennsylvania's Pin Oak Lane Farm added Grade 1-placed Normandy Invasion to the roster. The son of Tapit had 16 runners and two winners in 2019. He joins Lord Shanakill at Pin Oak Lane . . . Maryland's Roland Farm stands Larry Johnson's Street Magician, who continues to be a versatile stallion with stakes winners on the dirt and turf. His 2-year-olds of 2019 totaled nine, but as the year wound down, seven had started and his son So Street was a stakes winner. With six crops to race Street Magician was in the top 10 active sires regionally with almost $1.5 million in earnings and will stand for $2,000 this year. He and the West Virginia-based Our Entourage are the region's only sons of Street Cry (Ire). Roland also stands Editorial, a son of War Front whose first foals are yearlings of 2020. ✹

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Mixing It Up

Stakes-winning 2-year-old Laddie Liam drives Besecker dispersal, strong December Sale

By Joe Clancy. Photographs by Lydia A. Williams

Jonathan Green and Gary Contessa kept bidding. So did the callers on the other end of four phones manned by Fasig-Tipton personnel, and a few others scattered around the Timonium sales pavilion for the December mixed sale at Timonium, Md., Dec. 10.

Laddie Liam, a Maryland-bred juvenile stakes winner by Golden Lad, just stood there in the ring, perhaps pondering all the fuss and surely wondering when he could go back to eating hay. The bids paused briefly at $400,000, then took off again–$410,000 . . . $420,000 . . . another pause and even an audible "Wait" from Fasig-Tipton president and chief executive officer Boyd Browning Jr. while he listened to a phone bidder . . . $425,000 . . . $430,000 . . . $440,000 . . . and finally the $450,000 winning bid from Green.

"Any time you're coming down here for a quality horse of that caliber you know there's going to be competition," said Green, bidding for the DJ Stable he operates with his father Len. "Boyd has a job to do and he did it very well, dragging it out a little bit there, but we understand. You were going to have to spend some money to get that horse."

The high-dollar action around Laddie Liam pushed the sale to new heights with a record top price and increases in all categories over 2018. Horses of racing accounted for the top four prices at the sale, which carried extra weight from the dispersal by powerful regional owner Joe Besecker. Eight of the top 10 prices were from Besecker's dispersal, which grossed $3,005,300 on 95 sold.

Sold by Northview Stallion Station, like most of the Besecker horses, Laddie Liam was the star of the show. Three days before the sale, the bay colt from the first crop of Northview's Golden Lad won the Maryland Juvenile Futurity at Laurel Park–his third win in five starts for Besecker and trainer Hugh McMahon. Bred by Ellen Charles' Hillwood Stable, Laddie Liam sold to Besecker for $14,500 at the 2018 December sale and will try to continue his rise as a 3-year-old from the New York base of Contessa.

"He's a really nice horse," said Green. "He looks like he can go two turns. He can certainly handle the competition here, the Maryland-breds, and we think he's got more in the tank. That's going to be Gary's job, to see if he can get that out of him."

Contessa and Green liked the colt's form, loved his demeanor and appearance on the sales grounds and relished the opportunity to buy a proven racehorse at auction.

"When you have a dispersal like this you have to sift through everything that's in the catalog," said Green. "Thankfully, we're in a position where we race throughout the East Coast. We race in regional races, state-bred races, stakes races and claiming races. You're just looking for value and there were a lot of horses here that we looked at and said, 'For $20,000, that would be a good purchase,' or 'For $50,000, that would be a good purchase.' This one we had to stretch a little bit, but we still feel like he's got a lot of potential ahead of him and there's a lot of value."

Six horses later, the value showed again as Mine Not Mine (fourth behind Laddie Liam in the Maryland Juvenile Futurity) sold for $210,000. Also by Golden Lad, and bred in Maryland by Bob Manfuso, the dark bay colt was purchased by Besecker for $72,000 at the 2018 fall yearling sale at Timonium and won his debut in November for trainer Claudio Gonzalez. Chuck Zacney landed the winning bid over the phone this time. Mine Not Mine is out of Manfuso's Grade 2 winner Belterra, whose foals include stakes winner Taketheodds and Sheave, the dam of Grade 1 winner Cathryn Sophia.

Another Besecker runner, now 3-year-old filly Panthera Onca, checked

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Jonathan Green (left) of DJ Stable and New York-based trainer Gary Contessa teamed up to buy the sales-topping Maryland-bred 2-year-old by Golden Lad.

Trainer Cyril Murphy hopes he hit a home run with new hurdle prospect O Dionysus.

in third at $175,000 on a bid by Lane's End Bloodstock. The daughter of Super Saver won her debut at Penn National in October for trainer Tim Kreiser after being purchased by Besecker for $70,000 in April. Lane's End also landed Grade 1-placed Maryland-bred filly Brucia La Terra for $52,000.

The Besecker dispersal was the story of the sale as he sold much of his far-flung stable, which campaigns horses with a variety of trainers in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida and is active at the sales and at the claiming box. The decision to disperse surprised many and seemed sudden, but also helped initiate a downsizing. Through Dec. 14, Besecker horses had started 766 times in 2019, more than double the 2018 number and he was just 14 months removed from buying 31 yearlings at Timonium.

"I thought that was big," said Besecker's racing manager Jeff Matty of the buying spree at the fall yearling sale. "This was bigger. This was hard for him so it made it hard for me. Deep down, he wasn't 100 percent set on doing it. He weighed a few things in his life, and his family and his time commitment and he thought at this time it was best to step away from the sport."

While Besecker stayed away on sales day, Matty helped manage the dispersal along with consignors Northview Stallion Station, Crane Thoroughbred Services and Greenmount Farm.

Besecker is the founder, president and CEO of Emerald Asset Management, parent company to five investment firms with more than $5 billion under management and offices in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He started his first horses in 2000, and–like his non-racing business–the stable soon grew into a power. Besecker runners cracked $1 million in seasonal earnings for the first time in 2014. The 2019 number was approaching $5 million, with 194 wins (second in the nation).

The returns from the dispersal recognized the work put in by Besecker, Matty and the trainers. Buyers wanted the horses, and were not afraid to pay for them.

"Horses sold well, people want racehorses, and we buy and claim a lot of nice horses," said Matty. "Look at the claim boxes around the Mid-Atlantic. You have to shake five, six ways to get a horse. Here, you just had to bid one more time–and you got to vet them and look at them a lot more closely."

For Matty, the sale was stressful and rewarding.

"It was tough to manage it," he said. "I wanted to do the best for him, but we were doing our best for him when we bought a lot of these horses too."

Besecker is not completely out of racing. Multiple stakes winner Aztec Sense, a winner of nine consecutive races, was working toward a comeback with trainer Jorge Navarro. Several other horses are owned in partnership with Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, including 2-year-olds of 2020 and the Grade 3-placed Shippy.

"He's essentially getting out of the business for the short term," said Matty. "He's got a couple clubs in the fire still. He's not one of those owners who just wants to show up for stakes races though. He wants to show up for $4,000 claimers at Penn National too."

Horses in the Besecker dispersal anchored the sale with an average of more than $31,000, but also provided a building block and an example. The sales pavilion was full of buyers, and not just because of the rainy weather. Trainers looked to fill stalls. Owners eyed value. Agents combed the catalog (actually two catalogs) and telephones kept sales personnel busy. The top 10 hips were purchased by 10 buyers–a major Kentucky farm (Lane's End) and a steeplechase owner (Irv Naylor) among them.

"It certainly is encouraging to see the wide range of buyers at the sale," said Browning. "We sold racehorses for $1,000 to $450,000. There was activity on virtually all of them. From regional buyers and on a national basis. We had people phone bidding from Kentucky, Louisiana, California, all over. That was special for us. It goes to show you, you give people an opportunity to buy legitimate horses and they will be here to buy them."

The challenge is in finding such horses, and overcoming the relative lack of interest in broodmares and broodmare prospects

Altar Issues, the sale's first horse in the ring and most expensive broodmare, strolls the walking ring before bringing a $105,000 bid from Three Diamonds Farm.

(107 offered, 81 sold for an average of $7,558, just six for $20,000 or more). To Browning, it's all about how close a horse is to the racetrack–Laddie Liam being a perfect example as he was worth $14,500 as a yearling in 2018 and more than 30 times that at the same sale a year later.

"The broodmares overall weren't easy," Browning said. "They (and their foals) are the furthest away from the racetrack. The same reason why the racehorses sell well is why the broodmares aren't easy to sell."

Fasig-Tipton will try to use 2019 as a model, with or without a major dispersal.

"Believe me, we'll be trying to figure out how to replace the Besecker group with other people's horses next year," said Browning. "That proved it. It gives people confidence to bring a legitimate horse here. They will sell."

Stakes horse, hurdle prospect

As the hammer fell on a final bid for O Dionysus, two steeplechase enthusiasts debated the merits of the distance-loving turf stakes winner.

"I thought somebody would buy him as a jumper," said one.

"He's the perfect type," replied the other. "I tried to tell some people he would work."

"Man, somebody should have bought him to go jumping."

Turns out, somebody did. Quietly standing near the back ring, trainer Cyril Murphy landed the now 6-year-old for owner Irv Naylor at $135,000. All being well, O Dionysus will indeed go jumping in 2020 and brings with him $438,574 in flat earnings and victories in the Japan Turf Cup, Cape Henlopen and Miracle Wood stakes. Murphy liked everything about the horse, the fourth-highest price at the sale, from the consignment of Marshall Silverman.

"I saw him in the catalog and thought I had to come see him," said Murphy, based at Naylor's farm a few miles from Timonium. "Watching his races, I was a little concerned that he was a heavier type, but when I came down here and saw him in the flesh he's not at all. He's a great type. I spoke to David Hayden, who bred him, and everything said if you're going to take a chance on one he's the one to try. He's done all the growing he's going to do physically and if the jumping doesn't work out, he can be competitive in the turf races around here. He can go back to that."

Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm sold O Dionysus to Peter Angelos for $190,000 as a yearling in 2015. Racing for Angelos' Marathon Farms and trainer Gary Capuano, O Dionysus won stakes on dirt and turf while topping $100,000 in earnings in each of his four seasons.

Murphy wasn't the only steeplechase shopper at the sale as Ricky Hendriks, Julie Gomena and Mark Beecher also made purchases. The chance to shop for prospects close to home, as opposed to the recent

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt. (135)	$2,997,600
Marshall Silverman, agt. (36)	490,700
Bill Reightler, agt. (34)	348,700
Crane Thoroughbred Services, agt. (9)	211,000
Greenmount Farm, agt. (7)	76,000
Becky Davis, agt. (9)	61,000
Morgan's Ford Farm (5)	40,000

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE, 3+ SOLD

Crane Thoroughbred Services, agt. (9)	$23,444
Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt. (135)	22,204
Marshall W. Silverman (36)	13,631
Greenmount Farm (7)	10,857
Bill Reightler (34)	10,256
Morgan's Ford Farm (5)	8,000
Becky Davis (9)	6,778

LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

DJ Stable (1)	$450,000
Lane's End Bloodstock (2)	227,000
Charles J. Zacney (1)	210,000
Donald K. Strickland (Terry Brennan, agt.) (3)	162,000
Louis Roussel III (2)	154,000
Three Diamonds Farm (2)	140,000
Irv Naylor (1)	135,000
Ron Paolucci Racing (2)	110,000
Bowman & Higgins Stable (4)	107,000
Valter Ramos (1)	100,000

LEADING WEANLING SIRES BY GROSS

Cupid (3)	$66,000
Runhappy (1)	60,000
Mosler (4)	41,000
Jump Start (3)	39,000
Keen Ice (1)	35,000
Exaggerator (1)	30,000
Golden Lad (1)	28,000
Strong Mandate (2)	19,000
Divining Rod (2)	17,000
Editorial (1)	15,000
Lea (1)	15,000

BID DISTRIBUTION FIGURES

	final bid	no. sold	total amount
≥	$100,000	7	$1,275,000
≥	75,000	2	177,000
≥	50,000	9	516,000
≥	25,000	29	911,000
≥	10,000	68	1,005,500
≥	5,000	45	303,200
others		89	196,000

trend of buying English and Irish horses, was welcomed.

"He's proven on the firm ground, that's important," said Murphy of O Dionysus and American horses in general. "He doesn't have to acclimate to the weather. He already knows what a warm summer is, and the big thing is we don't have to worry about transport. It's another $10,000 anyway. We'll see. It's always a bit of a lottery and you're taking a chance whenever you buy a horse."

Trainer Jeff Runco went to $60,000 to buy the sale's top weanling, a colt by Runhappy.

SALES LEADERS

$450,000. Laddie Liam, b.c., 2017, Golden Lad—Buffgirl, by Quiet American (Md.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Dj Stable Llc.

$210,000. Mine Not Mine, dk.b./br.c., 2017, Golden Lad—Belterra, by Unbridled (Md.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Charles J. Zacney.

$175,000. Panthera Onca, b.f., 2017, Super Saver—Molto Vita, by Carson City (Ky.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Lane's End Bloodstock.

$135,000. O Dionysus, b.g., 2014, Bodemeister—Safe Journey, by Flatter (Md.); Marshall W. Silverman, agent; Irv Naylor.

$105,000. Altar Issues, b.m., 2015, Broken Vow—Golden Motion, by Smart Strike (Ky.) (in foal to Practical Joke); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Three Diamonds Farm.

$100,000. Fielder, b.g., 2014, Sidney's Candy—Karakorum Fugitive, by Ten Most Wanted (Pa.); Bill Reightler, agent; Ron Paolucci Racing.

$100,000. Lebda, dk.b./br.c., 2017, Raison d'Etat—Lenders Way, by Hook And Ladder (Ky.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Valter Ramos.

$92,000. Kunal, b.c., 2017, Temple City—Venturini, by Bernardini (Ont.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Louis Roussel III.

$85,000. Admiral Lynch, dk.b./br.c., 2016, Super Saver—Golden Production, by Exchange Rate (Ky.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Sean S. Perl Bloodstock LLC.

$65,000. Wishful Quality, ch.f., 2016, Exclusive Quality—Wishful Melody, by Songandaprayer (Fla.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Donald K Strickland/ Terry Brennan Agent.

$65,000. Golden Gary, ch.c., 2017, Goldencents—Citizen Emma, by Proud Citizen (Ky.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; James Bredin, agent/Darrs Inc.

$62,000. Irish Paul, dk.b./br.g., 2017, El Padrino—Gritty Gal, by War Pass (Pa.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Louis Roussel III.

$60,000. Dk.b./br.c., 2019, Runhappy—Grey Traffic, by Numerous (W.Va.); Takaro Farm; David Raim, Jeff Runco, agent.

$57,000. Thornbird, b.f., 2018, Jump Start—Poplar Springs, by Tiznow (Pa.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Crane Thoroughbred Services, agent; Mo Thoroughbreds.

$55,000. Line of Best Fit, ch.m., 2010, Trajectory—Dan's Duchess, by Domasca Dan (Ont.) (in foal to Goldencents); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Bowman & Higgins Stable.

$52,000. Brucia La Terra, b.f., 2016, El Padrino—Happy Refrain, by Not For Love (Md.); Bill Reightler, agent; Lane's End Bloodstock.

$50,000. Potra Liza, gr./ro.f., 2015, Graydar—Dazed (Ire), by Danehill (Ky.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Donald K. Strickland/Terry Brennan, agent.

$50,000. Articulator, dk.b./br.g., 2015, Quality Road—Lightshaft, by Mineshaft (Ky.); Dispersal of Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Mark Dyer.

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Sales Notes

The first horse through the ring, Altar Issues, topped the broodmare returns at $105,000. Part of the Besecker dispersal, the now 5-year-old is in foal to Practical Joke and was purchased by Three Diamonds Farm. The daughter of Broken Vow is from the family of Breeders' Cup winners Shared Account and Sharing. Altar Issues was the only six-figure broodmare as the next highest price was $55,000 paid for Line of Best Fit by Bowman and Higgins Stable. Also part of the Besecker dispersal, the Grade 1-placed daughter of Trajectory is in foal to Goldencents.

Mo Thoroughbreds bought the sale's top yearling, a Pennsylvania-bred filly by Jump Start, from the Besecker dispersal. Named Thornbird, she is out of the Tiznow mare Poplar Springs and hails from a bit of racing royalty as her fourth dam is Canadian champion Fanfreluche, the dam of among others L'Enjoleur, La Voyageuse, Medaille d'Or and D'Accord. While in foal to Secretariat, Fanfreluche was also famously kidnapped from Kentucky's Claiborne Farm in 1977 and found five months later on a farm near the Tennessee border in the care of a family who said they found her walking along the road.

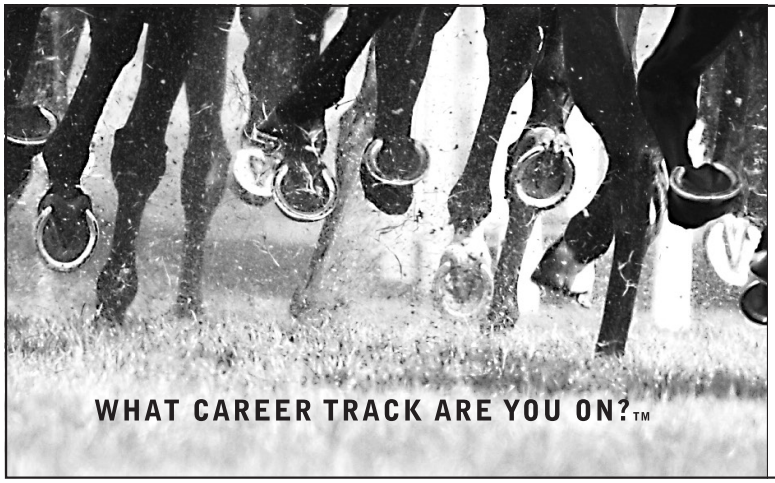
Trainer Jeff Runco went to $60,000 to land the top weanling, a West Virginia-bred from Takaro Farm, for owner David Raim. The son of Runhappy and the Numerous mare Grey Traffic is a half-brother to stakes winners Ullapool and John Barleycorn.

Louisiana owner/trainer Louie Roussel III, best known as the man behind 1988 champion 3-year-old Risen Star, bought two horses – going to $92,000 and $62,000, respectively, for now 3-year-old colts Kunal and Irish Paul. ✹

25-YEAR FIGURES
FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE

Year	*No. sold*	*Average*	*Gross*	*RNAs*	*Top Price*	
2019	249	$17,605	$4,383,700	19%	$450,000	2yo c. Laddie Liam (by Golden Lad)
2018	201	9,508	1,911,100	22%	$87,000	wlg.c. by Peace and Justice
2017	221	11,078	2,448,200	21%	$105,000	3yo c. Carradine (by Grasshopper)
2017	141	6,428	906,400	29%	$70,000	yrlg.c. by Dialed In
2016	104	8,443	878,100	13%	$76,000	yrlg.c. by Curlin
2014	110	8,680	954,800	33%	$60,000	brm. Delaneys Star (by Latent Heat), in foal to Majestic Warrior
2013	133	11,404	1,516,700	28%	$100,000	3yo f. Mystic Love (by Not For Love)
2012	140	8,216	1,150,200	28%	$100,000	wlg.f. by Read the Footnotes
2011	260	14,382	3,739,350	23%	$260,000	brm. Salty Romance (by Salt Lake), in foal to Cosmonaut
2010	158	6,127	968,100	43%	$130,000	Baltimore Belle, 07 f., by Bowman's Band
2009	169	4,593	776,300	37%	$95,000	brm. Crystal Bull (by Holy Bull), in foal to Pollard's Vision
2008	186	6,287	1,169,400	37%	$65,000	brm. Colonial Ball (by Pleasant Colony), in foal to Henny Hughes
2007	287	7,166	2,056,500	39%	$62,000	wlg.c. by Golden Missile
2006	338	7,924	2,678,300	34%	$95,000	wlg.c. by Tapit
						wlg.c. by Two Punch
2005	375	9,328	3,497,900	32%	$140,000	brm. Your Out (by Allen's Prospect), in foal to Lion Hearted
2004	363	10,640	3,862,300	21%	$160,000	wlg.c. by Malibu Moon
2003	360	7,506	2,702,300	22%	$150,000	wlg.f. by Malibu Moon
2002	378	6,557	2,478,600	30%	$103,000	wlg.f. by Silver Charm
2001	448	7,881	3,530,500	23%	$100,000	wlg.f. by Citidancer
2000	566	7,625	4,315,700	20%	$142,000	brm. Poised to Pounce (by Smarten), in foal to Polish Numbers
1999	483	11,198	5,408,700	16%	$240,000	wlg.c. by Boston Harbor
1998	437	8,423	3,680,700	15%	$120,000	brm. Final Deputy (by Deputy Minister), in foal to Two Punch
1997	428	6,273	2,685,000	18%	$75,000	brm. Truth and Beauty (by Private Terms), in foal to Two Punch
1996	391	5,831	2,280,100	14%	$65,000	brm. Lady Bering (by Lord Gaylord), in foal to Not For Love
1995	364	4,266	1,552,900	17%	$29,000	wlg.f. by Caveat
1994	346	4,688	1,621,900	14%	$33,000	wlg.f. by Star de Naskra

Prices and statistics for 1995 are exclusive of Cohen dispersal. Held in January 2016 and 2017. Figures in 2019 include Joseph Besecker dispersal.



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Making Strides

Virginia-certified program pushes revival of state's historic Thoroughbred industry

By Katie Bo Williams

The first year that Virginia ran its "Virginia-certified" residency program, the initiative registered 700 horses. In 2020, the third year that the program will be available, Virginia Thoroughbred Association executive director Debbie Easter expects to have more than 1,600 registered horses of racing age–2, 3 and 4-year-olds.

First conceived as a way to keep Virginia horsemen afloat while the state's only racetrack was shuttered, the program offers purse bonuses for horses that spend at least six consecutive months at a Virginia-certified farm before the end of their 2-year-old years. Certified horses are eligible for a 25-percent purse bonus for a win in seven states up and down the East Coast: Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia, plus Virginia.

When Colonial Downs was unexpectedly reopened for a 15-day meet in 2019, thanks in part to funding from newly approved video-game style gambling that also funds the residency program, the initiative took on even more heft. In 2019, with 2- and 3-year-old runners, the program boasted 311 winners–67 of which were 2-year-olds–and gave away more than $1.2 million in awards for an average just above $4,000 per award.

"It's been amazing," said Easter. "We're bringing people back into the industry that were out of the industry. It's really been a boost for our farmers."

Longtime Virginia horsemen who have taken advantage of the incentive scheme say that it has brought optimism back to the Thoroughbred industry in its American cradle in Virginia.

"There's a certain lifestyle that brings people to Virginia and part of that is the farms we have here and the green space, and this is going to allow these farms to stay green," Easter said. Stalls that were empty have filled up, staff salaries have increased, new fences have gone in–and as owners have started receiving checks, interest has only increased.

The payments speak for themselves: Parisian Diva, a West Virginia-bred filly with four black-type wins to her name, is the program's highest earner so far, taking home $45,643 in awards for owner/breeder Melinda Golden. Other program success stories have taken home reward checks totaling anywhere from $15,000 to $21,000. Horses owned by Virginia-based Larry Johnson have earned almost $80,000 in rewards–more than $5,000 per award. Taylor Mountain Farm in West Virginia has taken home checks totaling $96,660.

Among Mid-Atlantic trainers, Maryland-based trainer John Salzman has done the best with Virginia-certified horses. His runners have earned more than $70,000, with an average award of $3,755.

"The word is being spread by people that have had horses in the program and they get a check and they start talking about it to their buddies," said Woodberry Payne, a longtime Virginia trainer based at Montpelier in Orange County. "The good old word-of-mouth advertising is helping a lot."

The biggest difference for individual horsemen, according to several participants, is an ability to raise day rates and be choosy about clients. Rather than take on a horse for a client known to be a bad payer just to keep the barn full, said Karen Dennehy Godsey, she is turning away some clients or sending business to other Virginia horsemen. As a result, she has been able to pay her staff more and carry out a series of major improvements around her Ashland, Va., facility, Eagle Point Farm.

Godsey tackles everything from weanlings to racehorses to layups. Since the beginning of the program, she has had

213 horses in her barn enter the program, with 120 getting their certification in 2018 alone. Twenty of those 120 horses were weanlings and short yearlings, she said, and she sent about 20 more babies to other farms in the state. Easter calls her the "poster child" for the program.

"I think the biggest thing is people's barns are full," Godsey said–and full with "better quality horses." She said she has a waiting list and no stalls scheduled to open up until March.

"Before, even if people were bad payers we'd hustle their horses," she said. "Now, it's 'Sorry, I don't have room.'"

According to Godsey and Payne, clients who might previously have sent their horses to South Carolina or Florida to be broken are now targeting Virginia. The program provides an easy add-on to other state-bred incentive programs, Easter said, meaning that owners can be paid two separate incentive bonuses for a single win–one from their state-bred bonus and one from the Virginia-certified program.

"It's had the desired effect," Payne said of the program. "We're one of the positive stories in the racing industry right now. There's so much doom and gloom–it's good see to something with a positive spin out there."

So far, the impact on sales prices is anecdotal, Easter and Payne said, but both say it has started to be a factor in how buyers target horses at a consignment: The phrase, "Let me see all your Virginia-certified horses," is a reality now.

"I think it's a help. Let's say people are down to two or three horses and one of them is a certified horse, maybe they go after that horse more aggressively than the others. I've talked to the sales agents, and people are looking for that now," Payne said.

Translating the impact to Virginia racing

One piece missing in the program's first two years was a restricted racing program at the reopened Colonial Downs, in New Kent, Va., to help translate the certified program's value to Virginia racing. So far, its impact has been mainly on Virginia Thoroughbred businesses, rather than on racing.

This year, Easter said, the VTA and the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association are working with Colonial Downs management to write a series of races restricted to Virginia-certified horses.

"One of the added benefits of the program is that we're creating this huge horse population for Colonial Downs," Easter said.

But even without those races, said Godsey, the enthusiasm surrounding the revival of Colonial Downs combined with the quality business generated by the certified program augmented one another in 2019.

"The quality and the class of Virginia-breds because of the meet at Colonial was raised and because of the cert," she said. "Virginia didn't make sense to a lot of people and now, you're silly if you're not taking advantage of it."

Danger ahead?

The feel-good story of Virginia racing still has some storm clouds on the horizon. Proposals to expand gaming options in Virginia are expected to come before the state legislature in January, potentially putting the gains of the last few years at risk.

Authorizing casino gaming in the historically conservative state is controversial, with passionate backers on either side. A recent study from the non-partisan, state-funded Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission found that resort-style casinos would have a "positive, but modest economic impact on local economies."

But the study also found that the introduction of casino gaming would drastically reduce the revenue used for live racing purses–and to fund the certified program.

State analysts do not expect revenue from traditional horse racing wagering to decline with the introduction of casino gaming. But historical horse racing (HHR) games fund the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), which funds the certified program. (The program is run out of the VTA office on a day-to-day basis.) These slot-style terminals, authorized in 2018, are expected to contribute about $3.9 million annually to the certified program and about $16 million to live racing purses.

"Revenue generated by historical horse racing games, a portion of which supports live horse racing, is projected to decline substantially (45 percent) from its projected revenue without casino competition," the November study read. "The reduction in money available for racing purses may make it difficult to support the horse industry's goal to essentially double the number of live horse racing days from its 2019 racing schedule."

If all five proposed casinos are established, according to the study, contributions to the VEA would drop by almost half, to $11 million, with just $7 million of that available to fund live racing purses–assuming that the certified program continued on its current budget.

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Virginia Thoroughbred Association executive director Debbie Easter expects the registry to grow to more than 1,600 horses in 2020.

One silver lining, according to the report: HHR revenue "would be substantial during the several years that casinos would be under development." Any new casinos would likely not open until at least 2024, the report found, and as a result, annual contributions to racing purses would likely exceed current targets. "This period of increased revenue might give Virginia's horse racing industry the opportunity to plan and prepare for the anticipated impact of casinos on future revenues," the report posited.

And, of course, the Virginia legislature could offset the damage of the introduction of casinos by allocating a portion of gaming revenue to the racing industry, or by expanding HHR gaming.

"By approving HHR and allowing that added revenue stream that created the purchase of Colonial Downs and the resurrection of racing here in Virginia, they helped reinvigorate the Thoroughbred industry," Easter said. "Our ask would be to make sure that whatever they do in the future is well thought out so whatever gains were made, we don't lose those gains."

Leaps and Bounds

Pennsylvania-bred filly Vault soars to first stakes win for Barlar, Houghton

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MCCUE

Bernie Houghton's filly Vault had just won her third consecutive race, become a stakes winner and spurred talk of an even brighter future after dismantling six rivals in the Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes at Laurel Park Nov. 30.

But the trainer was impressed by a winner's circle visitor.

"Do you know what an honor this is?" he said, reaching out to shake hands with King T. Leatherbury, the Hall of Famer who bred and trained the race's namesake Thirty Eight Go Go and was on hand to make the trophy presentation. Leatherbury smiled, and offered congratulations to his younger peer. Houghton, who worked as a racing official at Laurel for several years, dealt with Leatherbury on much different matters back then.

"He was the best," said Houghton. "When I was the claims clerk here, he would come in and drop eight claims some days. He was my favorite, the best. It's really cool. There couldn't be anybody better to get a trophy from than him."

Though he leads Houghton by almost 5,800 wins, even Leatherbury would be impressed with the former claims clerk's success. Since becoming a full-time trainer in 2005, Houghton has built a thriving stable at his base at Penn National Race Course—topping 50 wins for the last six seasons and adding quality runners such as Maryland-bred star Crabcakes, $772,728 earner Imply and other stakes winners to the fold. Vault, a Barlar LLC homebred, fits right in.

"I was thinking about the 7-furlong race [the Safely Kept for 3-year-old fillies on the same card], but the owner and I discussed it and we decided to go long and I think this was a better spot," said Houghton. "We wanted to test her. I think that 3-year-old race is pretty tough. She would have been tough too, but going the distance was better."

Going 1 1/16 miles against older fillies and mares in the $100,000 Thirty Eight Go Go, Vault stalked the pace of Jehozacat through splits of :23.96 and :46.60, drew alongside in the stretch for Julio Hernandez and powered past to win by 3½ lengths. Jehozacat stayed for second with Trolley Ride third after 1:44.06. The seven-horse field included three from Houghton's barn, three more from Arnaud Delacour and a solo entry from Flint Stites. Houghton finished first, third and seventh; Delacour was second, fourth and fifth.

Vault delivers her third consecutive win, and first stakes score, in the Thirty Eight Go Go.

Vault lost her first four starts as a 2-year-old in 2018, then blitzed maidens by 9 lengths in mid-December. She returned in May 2019, placing in two allowance races before hanging another lopsided win on the board—this time by 10½ over Pennsylvania-breds in July. She finished second on the turf at Parx in August, then wound up sixth in the Malvern Rose Stakes on the Tapeta surface at Presque Isle Downs in September.

She returned to the dirt and hinted at bigger things with two easy wins at Penn National—by 10 lengths in a one-other-than in September and by 5½ in a two-other-than in November. In 2018, Barlar owner Larry Karp sold future Grade 1 winner Mirth (by Colonel John) off three consecutive wins but has thus far resisted offers for her half-sister. Houghton will lobby to keep it that way.

"We don't really know how good she is," said the trainer. "I think she's definitely good enough to clean up in the Pennsylvania-bred races, but she might be better than that. I think she might win some open races too, like today. We sold her sister, she won a couple for me and then we sold her and they ended up running her in the Breeders' Cup. She didn't run any good there, but she's OK."

Karp purchased the Illinois-bred French Deputy mare Di's Delight for $55,000 at Keeneland November in 2011 and she went through the ring again, carrying Mirth, in 2014. Vault is one of eight winners (from nine foals to race) produced by the mare.

HONEST MISCHIEF CAPTURES CITY OF LAUREL BY A NECK

In other stakes action Nov. 30, Juddmonte Farms' Grade 2-placed homebred Honest Mischief ran down leader Chilly in Charge in the $100,000 City of Laurel.

The 7-furlong race for 3-year-olds drew a field of six, and the crowd sent the winner off at 2-5. He lived up to it, but had to work.

Rohrbacher, a 13-1 longshot, jumped out to the early lead and went the opening quarter-mile in :23.43. Amundson passed Rohrbacher on the far turn after a half in

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:46.48 followed to his outside by Chilly in Charge, who took over at the top of the stretch. Trevor McCarthy waited patiently behind horses and steered Honest Mischief to the middle of the track, where he got up in the final jump to win by a neck.

NEEDS SUPERVISION DOMINATES IN SAFELY KEPT

Howling Pigeon Farms, Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables' Needs Supervision, who began her season with a stakes victory in January, returned to the winner's circle for the first time since with a 3¼-length triumph in the $100,000 Safely Kept for 3-year-old fillies.

Ridden by Feargal Lynch for trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer, Needs Supervision hit the wire in 1:23.51. Parx shipper Hey Mamaluke was second, followed by Victim of Love.

Needs Supervision found herself in fifth early as Philanthropic took the field of 11 through a splits of :22.57 and :45.58, pressed to her outside by Victim of Love. Needs Supervision made the lead after 6 furlongs in 1:10.80 and left her rivals behind.

Needs Supervision broke her maiden in her second start at Laurel in November 2018, then traveled to Kentucky to beat winners in an allowance to cap her juvenile campaign. She won the Silverbulletday Stakes Jan. 19 and was fifth in the Rachel Alexandra-G2 before going to the sidelines, returning to run second in the Weather Vane Stakes Sept. 21 at Laurel. The daughter of Paynter was seventh in the Raven Run-G2 Oct. 19 at Keeneland. A week after the Safely Kept, she was fourth in Aqueduct's Go for Wand-G3.

"She's just taken us on a hell of a ride from the day we got her–breaking her maiden, and winning her allowance and having the new owners come on board," O'Dwyer said. "It's been a big help to my career, this filly has. We've got great owners, great staff and a much nicer quality of horses in the barn now."

NEW JERSEY INVADER SUNNY RIDGE WINS RICHARD W. SMALL

Dennis Drazin's multiple Grade 3-winning millionaire Sunny Ridge got a ground-saving trip under McCarthy and split horses in deep stretch to capture the $100,000 Richard W. Small Stakes by three-quarters of a length.

The 1⅛-mile Small for 3-year-olds and up lured a field of eight, but centered around one horse in the end.

Needs Supervision pulls away in the Safely Kept.

"It was almost a walk in the park for him today. He did it really professionally and really impressed me today," McCarthy said. "I was so delighted to be aboard him."

Han Sense was sent to the lead and got away with leisurely splits of :25.89 and :50.91. Grade 3 winner Golden Brown led the trailing group with Sunny Ridge on the rail and Jefazo to his outside.

Han Sense went 6 furlongs in 1:16.24 as Golden Brown continued to apply pressure. McCarthy gave Sunny Ridge his cue in mid-stretch, splitting the top two and continuing on for his seventh stakes victory. Han Sense finished second, with Bobby G third. Multiple stakes winner Bonus Points, compromised by the slow pace, was fifth.

Bred in New Jersey by Drazin, Sunny Ridge was making his first start since August and won for the eighth time while padding his career bankroll to $1,414,577. The Jason Servis trainee, now 7, has won at least one race, and earned at least $235,000, in all five seasons on the track while making 26 of 28 lifetime starts (through Dec. 9) in stakes company. ✹

November stakes results for Laurel Park

11/16 James F. Lewis III ($100K). 6 F. 2YO.

Winner: **NEWSTOME** (gr./ro.c., Goldencents—Newstouse, by Unbridled's Song). B-Equivine Farm (Pa.). O-Marie F. Trombetta. T-Michael J. Trombetta. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:10.65. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Informative**. 3rd: **Reform School**.

11/16 Smart Halo ($100K). 6 F. 2YO F.

Winner: **COFACTOR** (gr./ro.f., The Factor—Coco Belle, by Storm Boot). B/O-Stoneway Farm (Ky.). T-Kelly J. Breen. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:12.24. Margin: 1¾. 2nd: **Lucky Trinity**. 3rd: **Still Alive**.

11/30 City of Laurel ($100K). 7 F. 3YO.

Winner: **HONEST MISCHIEF** (b.c., Into Mischief—Honest Lady, by Seattle Slew). B/O-Juddmonte Farms (Ky.). T-Chad C. Brown. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:23.06. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Chilly in Charge**. 3rd: **Hall Pass**.

11/30 Richard W. Small ($100K). 1⅛ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **SUNNY RIDGE** (gr./ro.g., 6, Holy Bull—Lignum Vitae, by Songandaprayer). B/O-Dennis Drazin (N.J.). T-Jason Servis. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:51.88. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Han Sense**. 3rd: **Bobby G**.

11/30 Safely Kept ($100K). 7 F. 3YO F.

Winner: **NEEDS SUPERVISION** (b.f., Paynter—Moroccan Rose, by Carson City). B-Mike Abraham (Ky.). O-Howling Pigeon Farms, Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables. T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:23.51. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Hey Mamaluke**. 3rd: **Victim of Love**.

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11/30 Thirty Eight Go Go ($100K). Abt. 1 1/16 mi. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **VAULT** (b.f., 3, Jump Start—Di's Delight, by French Deputy). B/O-Barlar (Pa.). T-T. Bernard Houghton. J-Julio Hernandez. Time: 1:44.06. Margin: 3½. 2nd: **Jehozacat**. 3rd: **Trolley Ride**.

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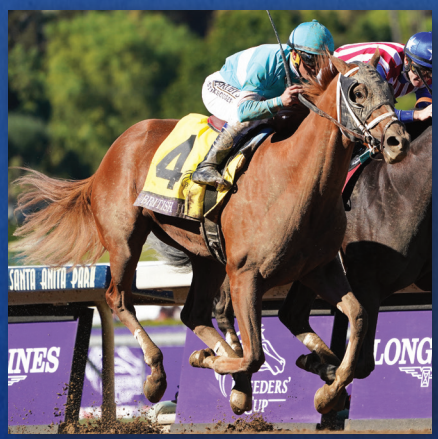

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Star 'Project'

Tapizar filly overcomes challenge to win Parx Juvenile Fillies for Reid

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUI-PHOTO, INC.

Trainer Robert E. "Butch" Reid was pretty confident that Project Whiskey was going to be a good racehorse even before she made her first start.

A Maryland-bred daughter of Tapizar purchased by co-owner Chuck Zacney for $35,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale, Project Whiskey almost immediately proved Reid correct. She made her first two juvenile starts at Saratoga Race Course and performed well despite trouble in both outings.

Project Whiskey's career debut July 17 resulted in a third, in which she was forced to steady while being forced out. Her second start Aug. 22 wasn't any cleaner as she bobbled at the break, was carried wide yet rallied to just miss the win by two noses.

"The main reason we shipped up to Saratoga for her first two starts was because of that condition they wrote – for horses that sold or RNA'd for $45,000 [or less in its most recent sale]," said Reid. "But honestly, she could have won an open special weight up there, that's how good she is."

Back home at Parx Racing for a $75,000 maiden special weight at 7 furlongs Sept. 21, Project Whiskey was somewhat surprisingly not installed as the betting favorite, despite her Saratoga credentials. That honor was bestowed upon the John Servis-trained Boom Boom Girl, who attracted New York jockey Jose Ortiz.

Project Whiskey quickly made short work of seven rivals, however, as she spurted to the lead for Frankie Pennington. At the half-mile pole, she was 2½ lengths in front; in midstretch, she was 6 lengths ahead. She crossed the line 5½ lengths better than Aseelah, with Boom Boom Girl overcoming a stumbling start to finish third.

Project Whiskey heads for home in the Parx Juvenile Fillies, her second win of 2019.

Reid then entered Project Whiskey in the $75,000 Parx Juvenile Fillies Stakes Nov. 4, and she was able to rate kindly for Pennington behind loose leader Capital Q before rallying to the front with a three-wide move on the turn. She survived a challenge in midstretch from favored Fly On Angel to kick clear by three-quarters of a length in 1:25.16 for 7 furlongs.

"We've always been very high on her," said Reid. "She's a good size, a solid filly, and very good looking. She showed me a lot when she met a tough field in breaking her maiden, and repeated that effort in the stakes [Parx Juvenile Fillies].

"She's my wife Ginny's baby. And she's moved up well on this track."

Out of the Malibu Moon mare Over the Moon, Project Whiskey increased her earnings to $106,800 through Dec. 7. Over the Moon is a half-sister to graded stakes winner and sire Ready's Image.

In the last few years, Reid has wintered in Florida, but this year decided to keep his entire stable in the Mid-Atlantic.

In addition to Project Whiskey, another horse Reid has brought along nicely since his debut is LC Racing's Smooth B, a Pennsylvania-bred son of Weigelia, who won a Nov. 23 claimer while in for $50,000.

It was the first victory of his 4-year-old season as he overcame a slow start to charge to the lead and then hold his six rivals at bay the entire 6 furlongs, turning back a late challenge by Long May You Run to win by 4¾ lengths in 1:11.21.

Smooth B won the restricted Danzig Stakes in 2018 and placed in three other stakes in his career, earning $370,838 through his latest win. Three of his full-sisters have earned in excess of $400,000 – Disco Rose, Fat Kat and Pink Princess. He was bred by St. Omer's Farm and WynOaks Farm.

Pennington and Cash is King combined again to take the $75,000 Parx Juvenile Stakes with Mischevious Alex, a Kentucky-bred son of Into Mischief, on the Nov. 5 card.

Purchased by Zacney for $140,000 as a 2-year-old in training at the OBS April sale, Mischevious Alex broke his maiden at first asking June 25 at Parx, followed by a third in the Sapling Stakes at Monmouth Park for his first black-type.

Placed on the turf in the Laurel Futurity by trainer John Servis, he finished seventh, and then came back to Bensalem for the Parx Juvenile. He dominated throughout, drawing off to a 9¾-length victory in 1:23.94 for the 7 furlongs.

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Mischevious Alex improved to two wins from five starts and earnings of $89,020 in the Parx Juvenile.

■ A pair of 2-year-old fillies sired by Pennsylvania stallion Talent Search combined for the exacta in the first race Nov. 25 as Tiz Gracie won her debut by three-quarters of a length from Artemis Rising.

Tiz Gracie, out of the Tiznow mare Tiz Beverly, was bred by Glenn Brok and trained by Alfredo Velazquez for Charles Fiumano. Artemis Rising, also bred by Brok, is out of the Grand Slam mare Miss Foreesta, and is trained by Ed Coletti Jr. for Stony Brook Stables.

Talented Son, a Talent Search colt from the same crop and with the same connections as Artemis Rising, won his second consecutive race in an open allowance Nov. 1, offering a purse in excess of $57,000. Talented Son broke his maiden at Parx in late September, and with the $38,640 earned for the November victory pushed his career total to $65,610 from four starts.

■ Watching his father ride races at Parx Racing inspired young Laureano Flores Jr. to follow in his footsteps–right into the winner's circle.

Flores booted home the Smarty Jones gelding Smart Royal T for trainer Jennie Wilhelm-Saldana Nov. 9 for his first victory, and soon after was cornered in the jockey's room shower and pelted with water, shaving cream and powder by his fellow riders in the usual initiation ceremony.

"I was really happy to win," said Flores. "I came a long way and it was really hard. I just never gave up on what I really wanted to do–it came true."

Flores' father Laureano Flores Sr. has been a jockey at Parx since 1998, winning more than 300 races from nearly 3,700 starts.

"I learned how to ride and how to get ready to be a jockey by riding in amateur races," said Flores Jr., who rode his first race July 22 at Parx. "I've liked horses since I was a little boy, and there was nothing else I wanted to do except be a jockey." ✹

Mischevious Alex gears down with a win in the Parx Juvenile.

November stakes results for Parx Racing

11/4 Parx Juvenile Fillies ($75K). 7 F. 2Y0 F.

Winner: **PROJECT WHISKEY** (dk.b./br.f., Tapizar—Over the Moon, by Malibu Moon).
B-Dark Hollow Farm (Md.). O-Cash is King and LC Racing. T-Robert E. Reid Jr. J-Frankie Pennington.
Time: 1:25.16. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Fly On Angel**. 3rd: **She'smysunshine**.

11/5 Parx Juvenile ($75K). 7 F. 2Y0.

Winner: **MISCHEVIOUS ALEX** (b.c., Into Mischief—White Pants Night, by Speightstown).
B-WinStar Farm (Ky.). O-Cash is King. T-John C. Servis. J-Frankie Pennington. Time: 1:23.94. Margin: 9¾.
2nd: **Vanzzy**. 3rd: **Golden Candy**.

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Holiday Sweep

Servis brothers collect three stakes on rich Thanksgiving Eve program

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Grade 1 winner Firenze Fire galloped home in the $200,000 Fabulous Strike, his Penn National debut.

Brothers Jason and John Servis completed a clean sweep of the three rich Thanksgiving Eve stakes Nov. 27 at Penn National Race Course as Firenze Fire, Monongahela and Precious scored.

Mr Amore Stables' Firenze Fire, making his first start since finishing fifth in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 Nov. 2 at Santa Anita Park, won the headlining $200,000 Fabulous Strike Stakes for Jason Servis. The trainer also sent out Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and Gary Aisquith's Monongahela to win the $100,000 Swatara Stakes, while John Servis sent out Newell Thoroughbreds' Precious to win the $100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes.

Greg Newell, of Newell Thoroughbreds, bred and owns Precious, who ruled the 6-furlong stakes for Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old fillies despite facing a group that included the Chad Brown-trained Autonomous. The latter, a $300,000 yearling and daughter of Quality Road, won her debut at Aqueduct Nov. 3 and was sent off as the 3-5 favorite in a field of five.

Nobody told Precious. Breaking a bit slow under Trevor McCarthy, the daughter of Fed Biz was reserved off the early pace set by Autonomous before starting her rally on the turn. She burst past that rival in midstretch and drew away to prevail by 3 lengths in 1:11.44. Chilly Sky took second with Autonomous settling for third.

Newell, founder and president of the engineering firm Nave Newell in Wayne, Pa., was elected president of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association in 2019. He raced her dam, the stakes-placed Smarty Jones mare Brilliant Sunshine, who earned $185,550. He named Precious in honor of his wife, Kathy.

"Precious was foaled right around the time that Kathy was diagnosed with breast cancer," said Newell, who added that Kathy's surgery and treatments went well and she is healthy today. "The name Precious has two meanings. First, it's the nickname I gave Kathy when we started dating in high school—we've been married 36 years. It's also a reminder that life is precious and we want to celebrate every day as a gift, no matter what happens. As you might expect, this filly is something very special to us."

Newell said the filly's success might help them share the story of hope for breast cancer patients.

Brilliant Sunshine produced a filly by Kantharos in 2018, and last year was bred to Hoppertunity, who stands at Northview Stallion Station's Pennsylvania division.

TWO FOR JASON SERVIS

Irad Ortiz Jr. came to Grantville from New York to ride Firenze Fire to a 4¼-length victory in the 6-furlong Fabulous Strike. The homebred Poseidon's Warrior colt faced seven rivals, including full-brothers Midnightcharly and Midtowncharly-brown, and went to the post at 1-5.

The outcome was never in question, as Firenze Fire settled briefly off early leader Dupree, then took command about the half-mile pole and steadily drew away in 1:09.33.

While this was only the second win of the year for Firenze Fire, he had proven himself in graded stakes company. As a 2-year-old, he won the Champagne Stakes-G1, and in 2018 the Gallant Bob Stakes-G3 and Dwyer Stakes-G3. Firenze Fire placed in two Grade 1 stakes in 2019—the Vosburgh Invitational at Belmont Park and Forego at Saratoga. He won the Runhappy Stakes at Belmont in May.

The $116,400 earned in the Fabulous Strike increased his lifetime earnings to $1,634,000.

Like his stablemate Firenze Fire, Monongahela came into the 1 1/16-mile Swatara with only one win under his girth, that coming in June in Monmouth Park's Philip Iselin Handicap-G3. He'd placed in two others, and was sent off as the second choice behind Name Changer.

Jorge Vargas Jr. let longshot Isotherm set the early pace, content to trail that rival through a half-mile in :46.96. Down the backstretch Isotherm established a 2½-length lead, but was confronted by a steamrolling Monongahela, who cruised past and then began to open up around the far turn. He won by 3 lengths in 1:43.01.

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Pennsylvania-bred graded stakes winner Monongahela drew off in the lane in the Swatara Stakes.

Monongahela was bred in Pennsylvania by Gunpowder Farms, the stable name of the husband-and-wife team of Tom Keithley and Ericka DeVinney. They bought his dam, Record High (by Touch Gold) for $8,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale, and bred her to their stallion, K One King. The result was Monongahela, who improved his record to seven wins from 27 starts, and $478,843 with the Swatara victory.

Gunpowder raced Monongahela through his 4-year-old season in 2018, but sold him privately to the current ownership group in time for a 2019 campaign.

■ Also on the Thanksgiving Eve card, which produced a handle of $1,779,479, was an allowance for fillies and mares at 6 furlongs. The winner was Joseph Besecker's Jakarta, a now 5-year-old Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Bustin Stones, bred by Arrowwood Farm.

Despite breaking through the stall door while waiting for the start, then ducking in when the gate opened and bumping a rival, jockey Dana Whitney was able to get her up on the lead early, and she never relinquished it. Rattling off splits of :22.28 and :46 flat, she established a 3-length lead in midstretch and won by 1¾ lengths over Not Sure in 1:11.19.

Jakarta, who did not make her first career start until June 2019, a win in maiden special weight company at Penn National, is out of T J's Stormy Wit (by Stormello). She won four times from nine starts and earned $87,416 through November.

■ Trainer Bernie Houghton saddled a six-pack of winners in November, headed by two daughters of the late Pennsylvania stallion Jump Start–Barlar LLC's home-bred Vault, and David Charlton Vintage Thoroughbred Farm's homebred Dilly Dilly Philly.

Vault, a now 4-year-old half-sister to Grade 1 winner Mirth, made it two in a row Nov. 6 when she broke a 23-year-old track record for 1 mile and 70 yards in 1:39.55 in an open allowance for fillies and mares.

Barlar is the stable name of Texas businessman Larry Karp, a supporter of the Pennsylvania breeding program for many years.

The early November win was the fourth from 12 lifetime starts for Vault, who added a fifth win in her first start outside the Keystone State in Laurel Park's Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes Nov. 30. Out of the French Deputy mare Di's Delight, Vault had earned $188,614 through the stakes win.

Di's Delight produced a Maryland-bred colt by Alliance this past April, and she has a just-turned Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old full brother to Vault.

Vault's full-brother Heat Dome won on the same Nov. 6 card. Stakes-placed in the Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes at 2 in 2016, he has been competing in allowance and claiming company ever since. His latest win, the fourth in his 27-start career, came for owner Todd McCarty and trainer Tim Kreiser and increased his earnings to $150,688.

Ten days after Vault's victory, Houghton sent out the Pennsylvania-bred Dilly Dilly Philly to win an open allowance race.

Named after a popular phrase uttered during Bud Light commercials, and the Philadelphia Eagles "Philly Philly" play, the winner was sent off as the second choice in the 1-mile test behind Ledecka, but carved out a long lead in midstretch and was able to hold the favorite safe to win by 2¾ lengths.

Dilly Dilly Philly is out of the Congaree mare Judiane's Jubilee, who raced for Vintage Thoroughbreds throughout her 26-race career, earning $120,262. ✹

November stakes results for Penn National

11/27 Fabulous Strike ($200K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **FIRENZE FIRE** (b.c., 4, Poseidon's Warrior—My Every Wish, by Langfuhr). B/O-Mr Amore Stables (Fla.). T-Jason Servis. J-Irad Ortiz Jr. Time: 1:09.33. Margin: 4¼. 2nd: **Midnightcharly**. 3rd: **Jumpmaster**.

11/27 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies ($100K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred 2YO F.

Winner: **PRECIOUS** (dk.b./br.f., Fed Biz—Brilliant Sunshine, by Smarty Jones). B/O-Newell Thoroughbreds (Pa.). T-John C. Servis. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:11.44. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Chilly Sky**. 3rd: **Autonomous**.

11/27 Swatara ($100K). 1 1/16 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **MONONGAHELA** (b.h., 5, K One King—Record High, by Touch Gold). B-Gunpowder Farms (Pa.). O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Gary Aisquith. T-Jason Servis. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:43.01. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Someday Jones**. 3rd: **Name Changer**.

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2020 Stallions

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Lord Carson–Frigidette, by It's Freezing

PERENNIAL TOP-10 MID-ATLANTIC SIRE

Average earnings/starter $59,025. Sire of 34 stakes horses, including millionaire **DOWN TOWN ALLEN.** 2019 stakes winners include **CASTLE BOUND** ($287,093, WV Breeders Classic), 2YO sensation **BOUNDTOBEBAD** (3 wins in 3 starts, WV Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic S, etc.), plus SIX additional new stakes horses. $2,000 LFSN; special consideration

Multiple Graded SW of $591,715

Juba

Tapit–Adoradancer, by Danzig Connection

SON OF TAPIT FROM A SIRE FAMILY

New York allowance-winning son of leading sire **TAPIT,** sire of 114 stakes winners, seven champions, 15 G1 millionaires including **FROSTED, TONALIST, CUPID, CREATOR**, etc.

Half-brother to G2 winner **SAINT ANDDAN** ($423,170). Stakes-placed dam a half-sister to track record-setter and top WV sire **LUFTIKUS, DIVERSA**, **SENSITIVITY**, and sister to **Rare Opportunity** (multiple graded stakes producer). Third dam multiple G1 winner and multiple stakes producer **SABIN.**

First foals 2-year-olds of 2020.

$1,500 LFSN; special consideration

Denis of Cork

Harlan's Holiday–Unbridled Girl, by Unbridled

STAKES-SIRING SON OF HARLAN'S HOLIDAY

ELEVEN stakes horses in six crops include **ROMANTIC CORK** ($242,776), **RETURN TO DENIS** ($193,220), **SCOTTISH DENIS** ($180,834), **I NEED YOU, SPRING LASS,** 2019 WV Roger Ramey Breeders Classic Distaff winner **B'S WILD CORK.** From the family of classic winner **DA' TARA**, G1 **PRIVATE PERSUASION**, etc. A G3 winner of $613,252, 2nd Belmont S-G1, 3rd Kentucky Derby-G1. $750 LFSN

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Runco Power

Trainer rules late stakes to put wraps on stellar season, hint at more in 2020

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The stakes season at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races came to a close in November, and the most prominent name was Jeff Runco, who was well on his way to another training title at the West Virginia racetrack with only a few weeks remaining in 2019.

Runco trainees won two of the three stakes – all for West Virginia-accredited horses – and accounted for the top three finishers in one of them. The other stakes went to trainer James W. Casey, who in October won three of the nine stakes on the West Virginia Breeders Classics program.

On West Virginia Breeders Classics night, Runco opted to run David Raim's Penguin Power in the 7-furlong West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association "Onion Juice" Breeders Classic while seeking his seventh win in eight starts rather than the 1⅛-mile West Virginia Breeders Classic. Penguin Power, a gelded son of Fiber Sonde out of the Robb mare Aye Robbin, had yet to race at the distance as he rolled through his 4-year-old season, and Runco didn't believe the $300,000 centerpiece was the right spot to roll the dice.

Penguin Power romped on the front end in the Onion Juice as expected, and on Nov. 9 got his chance to go 1⅛ miles in the $50,000 A Huevo Stakes. The experiment was a success.

Ridden as usual by Arnaldo Bocachica, Penguin Power shot to the front, withstood early pressure from stablemate Opera Nite, and maintained a 1½-length lead to the finish under mild urging. Opera Nite held for second over North Atlantic, the third member of the Runco barn in the race.

Penguin Power, bred by John McKee, who stands Fiber Sonde, in 2019 quietly established himself as one of the top horses at Charles Town. He competed in allowance races through August and completed his 8-for-9 season with three stakes victories – he also won the Frank Gall Memorial in September. He earned $175,975 on the year after racing only twice at 3 and once as a 2-year-old.

Penguin Power captures his eighth race of the season in the A Huevo Stakes.

"You never go into a season thinking a horse will win every race but one, so this was a nice surprise," Runco said. "But we always thought the horse had a lot of talent, and he certainly was a highlight for the barn this year.

"We're going to give him a little break, about six to eight weeks, and bring him back in late winter or early spring. I think he can handle going long again, but his sprinting is so tremendous and there won't be a long race for a while next year."

On Nov. 30, Runco-trained runners won three races including the $50,000 Eleanor Casey Memorial Stakes for 2-year-old fillies. The winner was Angle of Attack, owned and bred by Jeff and Susan Runco's Coleswood Farm, in an upset over previously undefeated Boundtobebad.

Taylor Mountain Farm's Boundtobebad entered the Casey Memorial off two stakes wins – the West Virginia Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic in October and the West Virginia Futurity versus males in November. The homebred by Windsor Castle won those two races by a combined 18½ lengths.

Boundtobebad again took the early lead but on this occasion couldn't widen on Angle of Attack, who stalked just outside of the leader throughout the 7 furlongs. With Bocachica aboard, Angle of Attack kept coming and defeated the heavy favorite by a head.

Angle of Attack, by Maclean's Music out of the Colonel John mare Bourbon Warfare, had finished second in her debut at 4½ furlongs in August and then romped by 7¼ lengths in a 6½-furlong maiden special weight event in September. Susan Runco planned the mating.

"The filly is pretty good – she had really good works early on," the trainer said. "I remember telling Susan, 'This filly will be OK.' She got a little sick before the Breeders Classics and unfortunately we had to miss her race. We thought she was too nice and there was no sense in pushing her to race that night.

"She ran a great race [in the Casey Memorial]. She certainly looked determined."

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Also on the Nov. 30 card, the consistent Aaron's Tap, owned by Dan Ryan's Smart Angle LLP and trained by Runco, was an easy winner of a no-conditions allowance test for state-bred 3-year-olds and up. Stablemate North Atlantic finished second in the field of West Virginia-bred stakes competitors.

Aaron's Tap was ridden by Bocachica, who as of Dec. 15 had a huge lead in the 2019 jockey standings at Charles Town with 182 victories.

The son of Northern Afleet out of the Pleasant Tap mare Tapforaly ran his overall record to 13 wins in 25 starts and earnings just shy of $300,000 through age 5. His 2019 record stood at three wins–two of them stakes at Charles Town–and three seconds in eight starts.

"There are limited races for him so we'll wait for the first condition book [of 2020] and probably keep him [at the track for now]," Runco said. "At some point he'll go to the farm for four to six weeks. I bought him for Dan Ryan, and he turned out to be a tough, gutty horse. He tries every time."

Casey, meanwhile, won the 1⅛-mile My Sister Pearl Stakes Nov. 16 with B's Wild Cork, a Taylor Mountain Farm homebred who got her second consecutive stakes win by again circling the competition from well off the pace under Antonio Lopez. In her prior start she captured the West Virginia Roger Ramey Breeders Classic Distaff at the same distance.

B's Wild Cork, a daughter of Denis of Cork out the stakes-winning Wild Rush mare B's Wild Rush, has been a steady member of the Casey barn throughout her career–as of mid-December of her 4-year-old season she had eight wins, seven seconds and five thirds in 27 starts for earnings of $224,410.

CHARLES TOWN APPROVED FOR 173 LIVE DAYS IN 2020

Charles Town Races received approval for 173 racing programs in 2020 and also increased purses of numerous stakes, many of them West Virginia-accredited events.

The West Virginia Racing Commission in November accepted the track's request for 220 dates–the minimum it can apply for by statute–with anticipation of a reduction. With approval letters from the Charles Town Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the local mutuel clerks' union in hand, the racing commission approved the 173-day schedule at its Dec. 10 meeting.

Charles Town will run from Jan. 8 to Dec. 31 four nights a week (Wednesday through Saturday) through April 18 and from the last week in October through the end of the year. Racing will be offered three nights a week (Thursday through Sunday) from May through late October.

First post will be 7 p.m. on most days. Exceptions are Charles Town Classic Day April 18, when post time is 12:30 p.m.; the Charles Town Oaks program Sept. 19, when racing will begin at 5 p.m.; and three Sunday cards on May 10, June 21 and Dec. 31, when first post time will be 12:30 p.m. The Charles Town HBPA had expressed a desire to bring back a few Sunday matinees, which were discontinued years ago.

The purses for the Grade 2 Classic and Grade 3 Oaks remain at $1 million and $300,000, respectively. On the Classic program, the Russell Road for 3-year-olds and up will go for $100,000, up from $75,000; the Dance to Bristol, for fillies and mares, is worth $150,000, up from $100,000; and a new stakes, the $100,000 Book Review for 3-year-old fillies, has been added to the slate.

On Oaks night, the purse for the Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon Stakes for fillies and mares has been increased to $100,000 from $75,000. In addition, the purses for 15 West Virginia-accredited stakes will jump to $75,000 from $50,000.

The increases were possible in large part because of 2019 legislation that restored about $11 million in purse money per year for the racing industry. Charles Town receives the largest share of the money.

In another development, Charles Town, an early partner in the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships when it ran from 1997-2001, will return to the series in 2020. The Dance to Bristol, Russell Road and $100,000 Robert Hilton Memorial on Classic Day will be MATCH Series events.

In other business at the Dec. 10 meeting, the WVRC hired Dr. Francis "Chip" Daniel III as the state veterinarian at Charles Town and the overall equine medical director for the state.

Daniel is a partner in Valley Equine Associates, not far from Charles Town in Jefferson County. As the state veterinarian at the track he replaces Dr. Joan Dalonzo, who retired in October.

WVRC executive director Joe Moore said multiple candidates were interviewed for the position, which was revised in an effort to comply with a recommendation in the Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities that each jurisdiction have an equine medical director. West Virginia racing stakeholders are part of a Mid-Atlantic coalition that meets regularly to examine uniform rules and regulations and to facilitate reforms.

Daniel will begin his duties Jan. 4, four days before Charles Town begins its 2020 meet.

"I'm very pleased Chip agreed to do this," said WVRC member Ken Lowe, who took part in the interviews. "It's a very important position."

Moore said WVRC staff continues to work on best practices for equine health and safety, including forming mortality review boards for Charles Town and Mountaineer; identifying safety compliance officers for each track; and improving the pre-race examination process. ✹

November stakes results for Charles Town

11/2 West Virginia Futurity ($50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred 2YO.

Winner: **BOUNDTOBEBAD** (dk.b./br.f., Windsor Castle—Bound To, by Boundary). B/O-Taylor Mountain Farm (W.Va.). T-James W. Casey. J-Christian Hiraldo. Time: 1:27.35. Margin: 11. 2nd: **Henry Standingbear**. 3rd: **Candyforacause**.

11/9 A Huevo ($50K). 1⅛ mi. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **PENGUIN POWER** (ch.g., 4, Fiber Sonde—Aye Robbin, by Robb). B-John D. McKee (W.Va.). O-David M. Raim. T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: 1:55.36. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Opera Nite**. 3rd: **North Atlantic**.

11/16 My Sister Pearl ($50K). 1⅛ mi. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **B'S WILD CORK** (b.f., 4, Denis of Cork—B's Wild Rush, by Wild Rush). B/O-Taylor Mountain Farm (W.Va.). T-James W. Casey. J-Antonio Lopez. Time: 1:57.95. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Cameron Street**. 3rd: **Spanish Moss**.

11/30 Eleanor Casey Memorial ($50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred 2YO F.

Winner: **ANGLE OF ATTACK** (dk.b./br.f., Maclean's Music—Bourbon Warfare, by Colonel John). B/O-Coleswood Farm (W.Va.). T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: 1:27.99. Margin: head. 2nd: **Boundtobebad**. 3rd: **The Better One**.

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NEW STALLIONS for 2020

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REDIRECT

Half-brother to millionaires HIGHER POWER (G1 winner) and ALTERNATION (MG2 winner; sire), along with INTERRUPTED ($251,005).

By champion sprinter SPEIGHTSTOWN
sire of 119 stakes winners, including proven sires **GOLDEN TICKET, HAYNESFIELD, JERSEY TOWN, POSEIDON'S WARRIOR, BRIDGETOWN, SUM OF THE PARTS**, etc.

Out of multiple stakes winner **ALTERNATE** ($550,695), half-sister to champion and leading sire **PEAKS AND VALLEYS**, from the family of sires **BROKEN VOW, WHERE'S THE RING, SERVICE STRIPE**, etc.

Speightstown–Alternate, by Seattle Slew

Katherine Turnbull photos

War Front–Centre Court, by Smart Strike

SPIRITUS INVICTUS

By leading sire WAR FRONT ($250,000 lf)
sire of TEN champions, 13 millionaires, 88 stakes winners, including leading sires **THE FACTOR** and **DECLARATION OF WAR**, plus **DUE DILIGENCE, WARNING FLAG, JACK MILTON**, etc.

Out of G1 stakes winner **CENTRE COURT** ($961,048), half-sister to G3 RAVEL (sire). First FIVE dams stakes horses. Family of sires **FABULEUX DANCER, ARAZI** (horse of the year), **EAGLE CAFE** ($4,218,218), **NOVERRE** (champion), **AJDAL** (champion), **FORMIDABLE**, etc.

Also standing: 2019 Leading WV sire FIBER SONDE (by Unbridled's Song), MASTER RICK (by Master Command)
All Beau Ridge stallions stand for $1,000 LFSN, Registered WV stallions, Nominated to WV Breeders Classics

REDIRECT

Gray or Roan Horse, 2016

Gone West		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Secrettame	Secretariat
			Tamerett
Speightstown			
Chestnut, 1998		Storm Cat	Storm Bird
			Terlingua
Silken Cat		Silken Doll	Chieftain
			Insilca
		Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian
			Reason to Earn
Seattle Slew		My Charmer	Poker
			Fair Charmer
Alternate			
Gray or Roan, 1999		Green Dancer	Nijinsky II
			*Green Valley II
Strike a Balance		Strike a Pose	Iron Ruler
			Take a Stand

Dosage Profile:	8	5	12	1	0
Dosage Index:	2.71	Center of Distribution:			+0.77

RACING RECORD

REDIRECT was unraced.

STUD RECORD

REDIRECT enters stud in 2020.

MALE LINE

His sire, **SPEIGHTSTOWN,** champion sprinter, stakes winner of 10 races, $1,258,256, Breeders' Cup Sprint S-G1, Churchill Downs H-G2, etc.

SPEIGHTSTOWN has sired 119 stakes winners, including:

ESSENCE HIT MAN: Champion male sprinter in Canada twice, 12 wins, $1,414,689, Vigil S-G3, Bold Venture S-G3 twice, etc.

BOLD SCRIPT: Champion 2-year-old filly in Canada, 2 wins, $351,063 to 3, 2019, Princess Elizabeth S, 2nd Woodbine Oaks, Cup and Saucer S, etc.

FARMAH: Highweighted 3-year-old (5-7 fur.) in Italy, 4 wins, $158,256 in France, Italy and U.A.E., Premio Carlo e Francesco Aloisi-G3, etc.

REYNALDOTHEWIZARD: 11 wins, $2,210,790 in U.S. and U.A.E., Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Mahab Al Shimaal-G3, etc.

TAMARKUZ: 8 wins, $1,840,444, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1, etc.

GOLDEN TICKET: 6 wins, $1,362,924, Travers S-G1, Prairie Meadows H, Left Bank S, 2nd Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1, Stephen Foster H-G1, etc. Sire.

FORCE THE PASS: 5 wins, $1,359,114 to 7, 2019, Belmont Derby Invitational S-G1, Penn Mile S-G3, Cliff Hanger S, Cutler Bay S, 2nd Poker S-G3, etc.

HAYNESFIELD: 10 wins, $1,319,481, Jockey Club Gold Cup S-G1, etc. Sire.

DANCE TO BRISTOL: 10 wins, $980,880, Ballerina S-G1, etc.

SEEK AGAIN: 5 wins, $942,926, Hollywood Derby-G1, etc. Sire.

LORD SHANAKILL: 5 wins, $909,496 in England and France, Prix Jean Prat-G1, Mill Reef S-G2, Lennox S-G2, City Plate S, 2nd Dewhurst S-G1, etc. Sire.

JERSEY TOWN: 6 wins, $819,668, Cigar Mile H-G1, Kelso H-G2, etc. Sire.

ROCK FALL: 7 wins, $749,180 in 8 starts, Vosburgh S-G1, etc.

SHARING: 3 wins, $730,300 in 4 starts at 2, 2019, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1, Selima S.

POSEIDON'S WARRIOR: 7 wins, $701,147, Alfred G. Vanderbilt H-G1, etc. Sire.

COMPETITIONOFIDEAS: 3 wins, $585,662 to 4, 2019, American Oaks-G1, etc.

MONA DE MOMMA: 5 wins, $384,399, Humana Distaff S-G1, etc.

LIGHTHOUSE BAY: 4 wins, $365,706, Prioress S-G1, etc.

SHE'S HAPPY: 7 wins, $114,172 in Argentina, Estrellas Sprint-G1, etc.

MATERA SKY: 6 wins, $1,932,466 to 5, 2019 in Japan and U.A.E., Procyon S-G3, 2nd Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, etc.

MOZU SUPERFLARE: 6 wins, $1,719,747 to 4, 2019 in Japan, Yukan Fuji Sho Ocean S-G3, 2nd Sprinters S-G1, etc.

DO SLICE: 5 wins, $1,395,256 in Japan, Cluster Cup, etc.

RIENO TESORO: 5 wins, $1,372,995 to 5, 2019 in Japan, Edelweiss Sho, etc.

WEEKEND HIDEAWAY: 13 wins, $1,144,922, Commentator S twice, etc.

BRIDGETOWN: 9 wins, $993,700, Summer S-G3, Woodford S-G3, etc. Sire.

TROPICS: 14 wins, $916,413 to 11, 2019 in England, Bengough S-G3, etc.

SUM OF THE PARTS: 9 wins, $876,189, Phoenix S-G3 twice, etc. Sire.

QURBAAN: 7 wins, $840,677 to 6, 2019 in U.S., France, U.A.E. and England, Bernard Baruch H-G2 twice, Prix Luthier, Prix Saonois, etc.

FEMALE LINE

ALTERNATE. 6 wins, 3 to 5, $550,695, Robert G. Dick Memorial Breeders' Cup H twice, Go for Wand S, 2nd Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks-G2, Delaware Oaks-G3, etc. Dam of 10 other foals, 9 to race, all winners, including—

HIGHER POWER (Medaglia d'Oro). 5 wins, 2 to 4, 2019, $1,376,648, Pacific Classic S-G1, 2nd Wickerr S, 3rd Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, Awesome Again S-G1, Northern Spur S.

ALTERNATION (Distorted Humor). 9 wins, 2 to 4, $1,064,727, Oaklawn H-G2, Peter Pan S-G2, Pimlico Special S-G3, Razorback H-G3, etc. Sire.

INTERRUPTED (Broken Vow). 5 wins, 2 to 4, $251,005, Lady Baltimore S, Penn Oaks S, 3rd Florida Oaks-G3.

Elision (Elusive Quality). 4 wins, 2 to 4, $203,651. Producer.

Armament (War Front). 4 wins at 4 and 5, 2019, $116,243.

Quick Change (Awesome Again). 4 wins at 3 and 4, $61,724.

Moving Away (Distorted Humor). Winner at 3, $51,294.

STRIKE A BALANCE. 2 wins in 3 starts at 3, $30,720. Dam of 16 other foals, 12 to race, 9 winners, including—

PEAKS AND VALLEYS. Horse of the year, champion 3-year-old colt in Canada, 9 wins, 2 to 4, $1,589,270, Molson Export Million S-G1, Meadowlands Cup H-G1, Illinois Derby-G2, etc. Leading sire in Canada.

Happy Medium. 5 wins at 3 and 4, $115,590.

Level Land. 3 wins at 3 and 4, $72,080. Sire.

Striking Distance. 2 wins at 4, $61,802. Producer. Granddam of **Ashwa Raftar** (3rd Juvenile Sprinters' Million-G3 in India).

Counterpoise. 2 wins at 3, $45,330. Dam of **TIP TAP TAPIZAR** (2 wins, $199,310, Sapling S, 2nd Saratoga Special S-G2, etc.), **Divine Music** (4 wins, $153,658, 2nd Black Gold S). Granddam of **Tappin Cat** (4 wins, $147,072 to 3, 2019, 2nd Star De Naskra S, etc.), **Commission Man**.

Pleasantville. Winner at 3, $38,252. Producer. Granddam of **Kkumchaja** (in Korea), **Barbara Star** (in Venezuela).

Balancing Act. 2 wins at 3, $22,855. Dam of **ELEUSIS** (6 wins, $165,801 in France and U.S., Long Island H-G2, etc.), **TIP THE SCALE** (9 wins, $129,530, Highland Happening S). Granddam of **Wildcat Wizard**.

Countervail. Placed at 3, $12,840. Producer. Granddam of **MUCHO GUSTO** (5 wins, $779,800 to 3, 2019, Robert B. Lewis S-G3, Lazaro Barrera S-G3, Affirmed S-G3, Bob Hope S-G3, 2nd Haskell Invitational S-G1, Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity-G1, 3rd Travers S-G1, etc.).

Equilibrate. Unraced. Dam of **EQUALITY** (4 wins, $252,150, Tampa Bay Derby-G3, etc, sire), **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** (4 wins, $102,530, Awad S), **Equitable** (3 wins, $256,516, 2nd Commonwealth Turf S, 3rd United Nations S-G1, sire).

Hopes and Fears. Unraced. Dam of **CRYPTOGRAPH** (7 wins, $531,705, Woodbine Slots Cup H-G3, Durham Cup H-G3, etc., sire), **Dirt in Your Face** (10 wins, $343,147 to 7, 2019, 2nd Parx Hall of Fame Starter H, etc.). Granddam of **Coronado Again** (6 wins, $124,730, 3rd Groomstick H).

Strike a Pose. 4 wins, 2 to 4, $53,048, 2nd Marigold S, etc. Half-sister to **STAGE LUCK**, **FRENCH FRIEND** (sire), **No Points** (sire). Dam of 8 other foals, 7 to race, 5 winners, including—

WEDDING PICTURE. 8 wins at 3 and 4, $152,997, Revidere H, etc. Dam of **WINGED VICTORY** (5 wins, $191,864 in England and U.S., Fort Lauderdale H-G3, etc., sire), **WHERE'S THE RING** (sire), **SERVICE STRIPE** (sire), **PUZZLED LOOK**, **Wedded Bliss**. Granddam of **FOREVER TOGETHER** (champion grass mare, 9 wins, $2,957,639, Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1, etc.), **BROKEN VOW** (9 wins, $725,296, Philip H. Iselin H-G2, etc., sire), **I THEE WED** (8 wins, $496,199, Nearctic H-G2, etc.), **THRESHOLD**, **EVER AFTER**, **WEDLOCK**, **EXTROVERT**, **Temple Place**, **Princess Patricia**.

TONKA WAKHAN. 7 wins, 2 to 5, $134,256, Minstrel S, Preview S, etc.

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SPIRITUS INVICTUS

Dark Bay or Brown Horse, 2016

	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
		Pas de Nom	Admiral's Voyage *Petitioner
War Front	Bay, 2002	Rubiano	Fappiano Ruby Slippers
	Starry Dreamer	Lara's Star	*Forli True Reality
		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
	Smart Strike	Classy 'n Smart	Smarten No Class
Centre Court	Dk.B. or Br., 2009	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew Weekend Surprise
	Let	Net Dancer	Nureyev Doubles Partner

Dosage Profile:	7	11	20	0	0
Dosage Index:	2.80	Center of Distribution:			+0.66

RACING RECORD

SPIRITUS INVICTUS was unplaced in three starts.

STUD RECORD

SPIRITUS INVICTUS enters stud in 2020.

MALE LINE

His sire, **WAR FRONT,** stakes winner of 4 races, $424,205, Alfred G. Vanderbilt Breeders' Cup H-G2, Princelet S, 2nd Vosburgh S-G1, Forego S-G1, etc.

WAR FRONT has sired 88 stakes winners, including:

LINES OF BATTLE: Champion stayer in Hong Kong, highweighted 3-year-old (9½-11 fur.) in U.A.E., 4 wins, $2,647,223 in Hong Kong, U.A.E., Ireland and England, Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup-G1, U.A.E. Derby-G2, etc.

DECLARATION OF WAR: Highweighted older horse (9½-11 fur.) in England and Ireland and (7- 9½ fur.) in Ireland, 7 wins, $1,847,489 in England, France, Ireland and U.S., Juddmonte International S-G1, Queen Anne S-G1, etc. Sire.

LANCASTER BOMBER: Highweighted older horse (7-9½ fur.) and (9½-11 fur.) in Ireland, 2 wins, $1,422,743 in N.A., Ireland, England, U.A.E. and Hong Kong, Tattersalls Gold Cup-G1, 2nd Breeders' Cup Mile-G1, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1, Woodbine Mile S-G1, Dewhurst S-G1, etc.

U S NAVY FLAG: Highweighted 2 and 3-year-old colt in Europe, 5 wins, $1,341,752 in England, Ireland and Australia, Dewhurst S-G1, July Cup-G1, Middle Park S-G1, Round Tower S-G3, 2nd Irish 2000 Guineas-G1, etc.

AIR FORCE BLUE: Highweighted 2-year-old colt in Europe, 4 wins, $844,919 in England and Ireland, Dewhurst S-G1, Phoenix S-G1, etc.

GIOVANNI BOLDINI: Champion miler in Scandinavia, 4 wins, $454,771 in England, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, U.A.E. and U.S., Tattersalls Nickes Minneslopning, Star Appeal S, Dubai Duty Free Millenium Millionaire Celebration, etc.

SPIRIT OF VALOR: Highweighted older horse (5-7 fur.) in Ireland, 2 wins, $383,154 to 5, 2019 in Australia, Ireland and England, Minstrel S-G2, etc.

DUE DILIGENCE: Highweighted 3-year-old (5-7 fur.) in Ireland, 3 wins, $343,241 in England, Ireland and U.S., Lacken S, 2nd Diamond Jubilee S-G1, etc. Sire.

BRAVE ANNA: Highweighted 2-year-old filly in Europe, 3 wins, $213,423 in England and Ireland, Cheveley Park S-G1, Albany S-G3.

GUERRE: Champion miler in Scandinavia, 5 wins, $155,562 in Ireland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway, Tattersalls Nickes Minneslopning S, etc.

WAR OF WILL: 4 wins, $1,615,569 to 3, 2019, Preakness S-G1, etc.

OMAHA BEACH: 4 wins, $1,471,800 to 3, 2019, Arkansas Derby-G1, Santa Anita Sprint Championship S-G1, Rebel S-G2, 2nd Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1.

WARNING FLAG: 4 wins, $1,404,437 in Hong Kong and Ireland, Hong Kong Classic Mile-G1, Star Appeal S, etc. Sire.

HOMESMAN: 5 wins, $1,344,644 to 5, 2019 in Australia, U.S., Ireland and England, Underwood S-G1, John F. Feehan S-G2, Gallinule S-G3, etc.

ROLY POLY: 6 wins, $939,537 in England, France and Ireland, Sun Chariot S-G1, Prix Rothschild-G1, Falmouth S-G1, etc.

THE FACTOR: 6 wins, $922,180, Malibu S-G1, Pat O'Brien S-G1, etc. Sire.

AVENGE: 7 wins, $868,341, Rodeo Drive S-G1 twice, etc.

JACK MILTON: 5 wins, $853,828, Maker's 46 Mile S-G1, etc. Sire.

FEMALE LINE

CENTRE COURT. 7 wins, 3 to 5, $961,048, Jenny Wiley S-G1, Honey Fox S-G2 twice, Lake George S-G2, Mrs. Revere S-G2, Regret S-G3, 2nd Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S-G1, etc. Dam of 1 other foal who has not started.

LET. 7 wins, 2 to 4, $604,020, Churchill Downs Distaff H-G2, Personal Ensign S, Inside Information S, Dowry S, 2nd Ashland S-G1, Falls City H-G3, etc. Dam of 8 other foals, all to race, 4 winners, including—

RAVEL. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $180,750, Sham S-G3. Sire.

Storm Warning. Winner at 2, $57,200. Sire.

After Thought. Winner at 3, $43,188. Dam of **ANNULMENT** (5 wins, $299,903, Hatoof S, 2nd West Virginia Senate President's Cup S, etc.), **YOUNGEST DAUGHTER** (3 wins, $229,143 to 5, 2019, Ta Wee S, etc.)

Net Dancer. 2 wins at 3, $46,225, 2nd Old Hat H. Dam of 4 other foals, all to race, 2 winners—

EAGLE CAFE. 5 wins, 2 to 5, $4,218,218 in Japan, Japan Cup Dirt-G1, NHK Mile Cup-G1, etc. Sire.

Haseno Gulch. 11 wins, 2 to 7, $1,371,752 in Japan, 3rd Sakitama Hai-G3.

Music Fever. Dam of **MARIANNE ROSE** (3 wins, $82,375, Bustles and Bows S, Lassie H).

DOUBLES PARTNER, by Damascus. 6 wins at 2 and 3, $180,869, Anne Arundel H-G3, Sweet Tooth S, Pearl Necklace S, etc. Dam of 5 other foals, 3 to race, 2 winners, including—

Zenno Dragon. Winner at 3 and 4, $114,938 in Japan. Sire.

Valuable Partner. Unraced. Dam of **Tricky and Quick** (1 win, $50,360, 3rd A.L. [Red] Erwin S).

FABULEUX JANE, by *Le Fabuleux. 4 wins, 2 to 4, $145,655 in France, Prix de Pomone-G3, etc. Half-sister to **AJDAL** (champion, sire), **FLYING PARTNER**, **FORMIDABLE** (sire), **Northerly Native** (sire), **Bev Bev**. Dam of 13 other foals, 11 to race, 8 winners, including—

JOYEUX DANSEUR. 8 wins at 4 and 5, $645,228 in U.S. and France, Early Times Turf Classic S-G1, Explosive Bid H-G3, etc. Sire.

FABULEUX DANCER. Winner at 3, $24,751 in France, Prix de l'Avre, etc. Sire.

Sakura Patrick. Winner at 3 and 4, $40,801 in France, 2nd Prix Yacowlef. Sire.

Danseur Fabuleux. Placed at 2 and 3, $25,139 in France and U.S., 2nd Prix de Minerve-G3. Dam of **ARAZI** (horse of the year, champion 2-year-old colt in Europe, champion 2-year-old colt in U.S., 9 wins, $1,212,351 in France and U.S., Breeders' Cup Juvenile S-G1, Grand Criterium-G1, etc., sire), **NOVERRE** (hwt. 3-year-old colt [7-9 1/2 fur.] in England, 5 wins, $1,429,344 in England, France and U.A.E., Sussex S-G1, etc., sire), **Fortrose** (1 win, $25,566 in France, 2nd Prix des Lilas). Granddam of **PREMARDAL** (5 wins, $271,832 in Australia, Jungle Dawn Classic, etc.), **Vril** (8 wins, $1,248,334 in Japan, 2nd Tokyo Autumn Jump H, etc., sire), **Sweet as a Rose** (2 wins, $153,494, 3rd Astra S), **Fallacy** (1 win, $30,903 in Australia, 3rd Tab Adrian Knox S-G3).

Fancy Clancy. 3 wins at 4, $67,210. Dam of **FANCY FUSAICHI** (4 wins, $236,499, Iowa Distaff S), **FANCY POINT** (1 win, $63,342, P.G. Johnson S, 3rd Miss Grillo S-G3), **El Commodore** (6 wins, $287,736, 2nd Tampa Bay S-G3, etc.), **Breakdancer** (11 wins, $161,387 to 6, 2019 in Sweden, 2nd Lanwades Stud Jagersro Sprint, etc.), **Fancy Ribbons** (1 win, $87,713, 3rd Ontario Damsel S), **Powerchord** (2 wins, $62,859, 2nd Ride the Rails S). Granddam of **Majestic Bonnie**, **Mermaid of Honor**.

Doubles Match. Winner at 3, $20,880. Producer. Granddam of **OUTTA HERE** (3 wins, $657,167 in U.S. and U.A.E., Delta Jackpot S, etc.), **LOVEMELIKEAROCK** (3 wins, $230,199 in Australia, Spring S-G3, etc.), **LOVETORN** (in South Africa).

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Windy City Winner

Ballybristol enjoys timber success with division 2019 champion Andi'amu

BY TOM LAW

Andi'amu (Fr) made four starts in 2019. Tom Collins, who campaigns the timber star with his wife Roxanne in their Ballybristol Farm colors, made trips from his home in suburban Chicago for three of the gelding's races in Virginia hunt country.

The one race Collins missed might have been Andi'amu's best, the $100,000 Virginia Gold Cup at Great Meadow May 4. Andi'amu won the 4-mile and 23-fence Gold Cup by 3 lengths and Collins, while not on hand for the near flawless effort under Jack Doyle, didn't miss a step.

"Some good friends of ours had a son who was getting married around Chicago, so we couldn't make that one," Collins said in early December. "So I watched it on television, streaming it at home here. I was just going nuts. Jumping up and down. We were amazed at how well he did."

DOUGLAS LEES

Andi'amu and Jack Doyle took control early in the Virginia Gold Cup, one of three wins in four 2019 starts.

Collins' enthusiasm for Andi'amu, who won three of four in 2019 and finished as the NSA's leading timber earner with a bankroll of $115,500, and horses in general isn't difficult to detect.

The founder and chairman of the consulting engineering company Collins Engineers who lives in LaGrange, Ill., about 20 minutes from downtown Chicago, Collins became enamored with horses at a young age and his passion continues today.

"When I was in high school, every time I had $2 I could take a bus to the stables near O'Hare [Airport] and ride for an hour," Collins said. "I'd ridden a lot as a kid, mostly Western, trail, that type of stuff. Later on, my wife and I, and a lot of people are probably like this, became interested in racing reading Dick Francis novels.

"Through that we started going to steeplechases. That has to be 25 years ago at least. We'd go to the Kentucky Horse Park and to Tryon in North Carolina. Those were the two we made each year."

The Collins' took the plunge into ownership in 2015. Their first starter, the Dynaformer gelding Electro Beat, didn't win in two starts that spring but the second, Andi'amu, finished second in three starts in the summer and fall before winning a handicap steeplechase at Montpelier to end the season.

Andi'amu, a French-bred son of Walk In The Park, started his career in his native country before transitioning to jump racing with English trainer Warren Greatrex. Leslie Young, who continues to train the gelding, picked him out and bought him for Ballybristol. Collins admits he used a combined analytical and random method for selecting his trainer.

"We wanted to find a trainer we thought was successful but didn't have too many horses," he said. "I'm an engineer, so I made a spreadsheet one year that had all the trainers and every horse they had, where they ran them, things like that. Basically, I was looking for a stable with not a whole lot of horses so we wouldn't just be one of 200 horses.

"I had also met Paddy Young very briefly. We have an office in Charleston [S.C.] and one year we sponsored a race at the races there. I met him there. He was a very nice person. That weighed into it, too. Having a champion jockey in the trainer's family doesn't hurt."

TOD MARKS

Owners Tom and Roxanne Collins enjoyed a banner 2019 with timber horse Andi'amu.

Paddy Young rode Andi'amu early in his American career until being injured in a spill at the Radnor Races in May 2017. Andi'amu proved a useful hurdle runner for Ballybristol and the Youngs from 2015 to 2017, winning twice and finishing second in the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup at Saratoga in 2016 and third in the Grade 1 Calvin Houghland Iroquois in Nashville in 2017.

Young transitioned Andi'amu to steeplethons in the spring of 2018 and he won back-to-back starts at the Middleburg Spring Races and on the Virginia Gold Cup undercard at Great Meadow to start the season. A hock injury sent him to the sidelines for the remainder of 2018, but he returned in top form in 2019 with victories in the Middleburg Hunt Cup and Virginia Gold Cup timber stakes in the spring and the National Sporting Library and Museum Cup in the fall at Middleburg. He ended the season with a second to Schoodic in the International Gold Cup at Great Meadow—Andi'amu's first loss in six timber starts—and edged that rival by $6,000 for the championship.

"We were happy as could be with how things have gone since he came back," said Collins, who was elected to a spot on the NSA board in November. "We're bringing him back [for a 10-year-old campaign] and certainly hope he can keep going. We were disappointed at the International Gold Cup, but that's OK. Schoodic is a great horse, too. I saw Jack Fisher after that race and I joked to him, 'We're waiting for next year.'" ■

Two Champions

Doyle, Mitchell split NSA jockey title after sporting, late-season decision

BY SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

Jack Doyle sat outside the jockeys' room at Callaway Gardens Steeplechase. The 30-year-old Irishman had ridden four races – fell off a maiden claimer, pulled up a timber horse, finished third on a maiden, just missed in the feature. The second-to-last race meet of the year, Nov. 9, was to be Doyle's second-to-last race meet in America. Doyle had one race to go at Callaway, another five races at Charleston eight days later and that was it. He was going home to rejoin his father's training yard, to close the books on a five-year American sojourn that had exceeded all of his expectations. Well, all but one.

In a sweat-soaked T-shirt, Doyle looked up from a folding plastic table, snuffed out a cigarette and admitted that this was it.

"I've gotten as much out of here as I can get," he said. "Being champion would be great, but if I can walk out of here . . ."

The words spilled out like a bowl of yogurt across a counter. In 24 words, Doyle explained the jump jockey's life, the balance between winning and walking, the devil's deal.

Fifteen minutes later, Doyle wasn't walking out of here.

Vying for a win in the finale, trying to wrestle back the one-race lead he had started the day with, Doyle drove Zanzi Win (Fr) to no man's land at the last fence, the in-and-out spot, too long to gun, too late to hold, the 4-year-old dived low and jutted into the ground with his front legs. He stayed on his feet, but shot Doyle out the side door like he was being thrown from a taxicab. Sportswear (GB), trying to pick up a down-the-docket check, hit Doyle squarely, like a bus following the cab, breaking his jaw in eight, maybe nine places. Triumph had been replaced by travail. Doyle curled onto his right side, a fetal adult, blood pouring from his mouth, clotting his nose, a hunk of flesh was gone, exposing the side of Doyle's molars. He could only moan.

An ambulance ride would end his 2019 season. And his American career.

Tied in the race for the National Steeplechase Association's champion jockey trophy with Michael Mitchell, Doyle was out of bullets. That was it. He would have to get lucky and hope Mitchell would go winless over a depleted jockey colony at Charleston and wind up with a tie for that coveted championship.

And then Mitchell took the luck out of it.

While Doyle wrestled in a hospital bed in Georgia, Mitchell wrestled with the decision to see out his season. The 28-year-old Brit had clawed back to a tie with Doyle with a sand-and-sieve, front-running gem aboard Storm Team in the Callaway feature, the race before Doyle hit the deck. Doyle finished second aboard City Dreamer (Ire). The field was waved around the final fence after comrade Kieran Norris broke his arm, ribs and punctured a lung on the previous circuit. Mitchell said the detour won him the race. Doyle said it cost him the race. Only jockeys know the margins, the variables, the nuances of a crazy game.

That night, Mitchell flew back to his Maryland base without Doyle, who had traveled with him to the races. It wasn't meant to be like this. Friends and rivals, they had caught the early flight to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, driven the hour or so to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, shared the quiet solitude of two hungry jockeys, moved and counter-moved each other through five races around the undulating, right-handed Callaway course. Mitchell organized Doyle's car left at his house, made sure his tack found its way home, checked with friends enduring a waiting game outside Doyle's hospital room. All while ruminating over next week's rides. Sunday morning, champion trainer Jack Fisher met Mitchell in the tack room of his Butler barn.

"So, Charleston, what do you want to do?" the trainer asked.

And that's when a sentiment that had been shared by most over the previous few weeks came to be. See, Mitchell and Doyle are respected. They're liked. They work hard. They ride well, and ride cleanly. They respect the game, which earns them respect. Neither had ever won a championship. Mitchell, who rides short, looks at jumps like speed bumps. He perches, knees out and finishes like a flat jockey. He had come back from a broken jaw a few seasons ago. Doyle, who rides long, an enveloping leg giving horses confidence, hands low, always low, came back from a broken pelvis a few years back.

Mitchell jumped out to a big lead with three triples in the spring. Doyle clawed it back with a torrid summer and early fall. If there were a swing vote, maybe it would go to Doyle as he was heading home at the end of the season and is two years older than Mitchell, but both deserved it. Doyle went 20-for-95, on the board 45 times. Mitchell went 20-for-86, on the board 44 times. A bad word for either one? Never. Their peers, their bosses, their friends wanted both to win and, perhaps, more importantly, didn't want one to lose. At the Callaway barn Saturday morning, owners and trainers passed the time and hoped for a knot.

"I like both of them," Fisher said. "They're both good riders and neither has ever won it. I'm hoping for a tie."

Everybody nodded.

Michael Mitchell (left) and Jack Doyle tied for champion jockey after Mitchell decided not to ride on the season's final day.

And that was before Doyle's jaw shattered like a champagne glass on a chimney wall.

A day later, Fisher decided to leave his Charleston runners in the barn, he wasn't going to be an accomplice. Mitchell, after talking to his parents in England and a few other older, wiser confidants, decided to opt off the rest of his rides.

Tie game.

"Going down to Charleston, I was putting myself into a position where I was taking away from someone else. I've won. Jack's won. The only other outcome would be winning a race and taking that title away from Jack. That's what hit me," Mitchell said. "I know how hard I've worked to try to get that title. The amount you stress over rides, the amount you stress over your weight, you put everything in for that season. For him to be sitting in a hospital bed and have me go down the following week and have the chance to take that away from him just didn't seem fair. I was happy to share the title."

Doyle appreciated the gesture, wedging words through wires inserted at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore two days after the spill.

"Fair play to Mikey Mitchell. I always wanted to be champion jockey. Again, not the way I wanted to be champion jockey and not the way I wanted it to end, but fair play to Mikey," Doyle said. "Nobody said anything to me, I had no phone in hospital, I got out on Wednesday, that was the first time I heard about it. Maybe somebody had said something to me in hospital but I was pretty out of it. I texted him and said what he'd done wasn't necessary, but I appreciated and best of luck to him in the future. He'll be champion jockey again, barring anything drastic happens."

Back to the life of a jump jockey, drastic is around every corner.

Doyle started his career in the 2005-06 season in England and Ireland. He won 186 English races and another 20 in Ireland, and was the stable rider for trainer Emma Lavelle for five seasons. His career had stalled at the end of the 2013-2014 season. On the way home from the races, after logging miles to be beaten miles, Doyle called his father Pat. Jack wanted a summer vacation, somewhere, anywhere, before returning to Ireland. His career was over in England. His dad called an old friend, Andre Lynch, working at Coolmore, who called Gary Murray, husband of trainer Elizabeth Voss. Doyle was on his way to America. Saratoga to be exact.

"I had no idea who I was working for. They said something about Saratoga. I didn't know what Saratoga was," Doyle said. "As far as I was concerned I was going on a working holiday for the summer. All I had to do was get a flight home."

Doyle guided Makari (GB) to win the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick for Voss and scooped up a rich allowance race with Syros for Fisher. And like always, Doyle, wasn't forcing anything, allowing his career to extend organically.

"They said something about getting a visa and coming back. I looked into it, sorted it and that was it," Doyle said. "The one thing I love is riding horses, riding races, it gave me the opportunity to do it for another five or six years."

Doyle picked up the ride on Demonstrative and won the Grade 1 Iroquois

the next spring, a year in which he also won two Grade 1 stakes with Bob Le Beau (Ire), and has been a mainstay ever since. Ousting two Irish raiders from trainer Willie Mullins, Doyle won a second Iroquois with Rawnaq (Ire) in 2016. He won six Grade 1 stakes in five years while flirting with the jockey championship. He led the earnings table in 2015, but finished second to Paddy Young for the official crown. Doyle was well in front in 2016, but broke his pelvis in September and wound up fifth. In 2018, he finished second to Darren Nagle (by a single win).

As for 2019, it looked hopeless as Mitchell capitalized on riding first-call for Fisher, tripling at Middleburg, Virginia Gold Cup, Radnor and Fair Hill to take a commanding lead into the summer. That's when Doyle began to boil, winning four races at Colonial Downs, two at Shawan Downs, three at Foxfield to close the gap. He singled at Virginia Fall, Far Hills, Montpelier and Pennsylvania Hunt Cup to tie it up.

Like Doyle and most of today's transient jockey colony, Mitchell came here on a whim as well. Born to a non-racing family in Rugby, England, Mitchell learned to ride, liked it, got a job galloping for trainer George Baker and went on a world tour, pitching his tent in Australia before moving to New Zealand where he was champion jockey in 2015, winning that country's Grand National that season.

Mitchell rolled into America as part of his world tour, a place to tick off like he had ticked off England, France, Australia and New Zealand. There was talk of Japan. He never made it to Japan.

Mitchell rode seven races in 2014 and another two in 2015. Winless and wondering over those two seasons—more of a vacation than a vocation—Mitchell picked up opportunities in 2017, winning nine races and another 12 in 2018, including back-to-back Grade 1 A.P. Smithwicks at Saratoga for Arch Kingsley and Ricky Hendriks.

With momentum and seeing an opening, Mitchell landed the most coveted job in steeplechasing with Fisher.

"My job is to keep it simple," Mitchell said in April. "His horses are so well trained. As long as I give them the opportunity, they can take it."

It was that simple through the spring and summer but got complicated by fall. At Belmont Park in September, Fisher reminded Mitchell, in the midst of a 0-for-20 skid, about the margin that had dwindled. Mitchell just stared at him. Don't ever tell a bald man he's going bald, because he knows.

The wins drizzled rather than poured but Mitchell kept it simple, picking up two crucial fall scores with handicapper Pik Em, a stakes win aboard Gibralfaro (Ire) and saved his best for last, eking out 2¼ miles on the front-running Storm Team at Callaway.

A tie at the top never felt so sweet.

"There's no money . . . it's stupid . . . we beat ourselves up all year for that title, just for that satisfaction, that all that work has paid off into knowing you've got a championship title behind you," Mitchell said. "To have that title beside your name . . . it's huge. It's something that people can't take away from you, under your name it's always going to say champion jockey. I don't think other people realize what it's like for a jockey to win the title."

In 2019, two jockeys knew the feeling. ■

2019 NSA CHAMPION JOCKEYS

Jockey	*Sts*	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*Earnings*
Jack Doyle	**95**	**20**	**14**	**11**	**$597,250**
Michael Mitchell	**86**	**20**	**12**	**12**	**$733,550**

Up and Down

Jump season weathered plenty in 2019 as NSA looks for growth in new season

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

Hurry, hurry, hurry, rush, rush, rush. Every year, the National Steeplechase Association season seems to speed past—racing from the unknown in March to a conclusion in November. In between, the horses and horsemen travel—in search of racing opportunities in Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

It's a lot of miles.

The 2019 season included stops at 26 race meetings and another five racetracks. As usual, there were pluses and minuses.

The circuit carried on without Atlanta, Tryon and High Hope, which didn't race in 2019, and also lost Winterthur's entire card to heavy rain and flooding. Though Atlanta's future is undecided, the Tryon and High Hope plan on returning in 2020, and Winterthur will (while hoping for better weather).

To help ease the burden of losing Atlanta and Tryon, the NSA organized a second day of racing at Springdale Race Course in Camden, S.C. in April. Run a week after the course's traditional Carolina Cup Day, the Cup Runneth Over featured full fields and $90,000 in purses for four jump races and a training flat. Virginia's Colonial Downs returned in the summer, with 10 races. Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park again showed a commitment to jump racing, with rich stakes programs and quality allowance races. Fair Hill cel-

ebrated its 85th anniversary with a Friday-Saturday schedule in May. The autumn season continues to shrink, and consisted of just 11 stops in 2019—from Shawan Downs and Foxfield in late September to Charleston in mid-November. Though Far Hills continues to solidify itself as a truly international championship day in October, the Colonial Cup (which ceased its fall meet after the 2016 running) continues to be a big loss to the schedule. Charleston could potentially develop into a major stop late in the year, under new management by the Post and Courier publishing company.

Overall, participation numbers were relatively steady, though purses decreased from the record set in 2018 because of the defections from the schedule. The NSA carded 167 races (down three from 2018, admirable considering the circumstances) for $5,885,800 in purses (down $347,500 from 2018). Individual horses decreased nine to 464, but starts increased 26 to 1,340.

Director of racing Bill Gallo helped steer the NSA through 2019, and sees signs of optimism for 2020.

North Carolina meet Tryon invested in its turf course and is on the spring calendar. High Hope should return in September. Colonial Downs will expand to six weeks, potentially opening the door to another two jump races. Fair Hill's turf course, rebuilt late in 2019 under the direction of the Maryland Stadium Authority, most likely won't be available for racing in 2020, but the wheels were turning on a possible make-up card at Laurel Park on the traditional late May date.

"We held on [in 2019], who would have thought we would have had those losses in the same season?" Gallo said. "We recouped some of our losses for sure with the Cup Runneth Over and the return of Colonial Downs, but it took a lot of work by a lot of people."

The Virginia track's summer schedule (two races a week for five weeks) offered summer opportunities for horses and horsemen who normally wouldn't go to Saratoga, and was appreciated.

"It filled a huge void we've had for some time for maidens and other horses that would normally not be in training at that time of year," said Gallo. "Trainers would have stopped with those horses in other years. We got to use our handicap system there, we carded two filly-and-mare races there, and some maidens moved on to other races in the fall."

Jack Fisher won his 13th NSA trainer title in 2019.

FISHER'S FINEST

After nosing out Ricky Hendriks (22 wins to 21) for the 2018 championship, trainer Jack Fisher responded with a dominant performance in 2019. Fisher's horses made 141 starts from his Maryland base and piled up 37 wins and a record $1,590,550 in earnings. It was his eighth consecutive title, and 13th overall—all in the last 17 seasons.

Fisher's tour de force overwhelmed a solid season by Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, who won 21 races (from 108 starts) to check in second. Leslie Young placed third, winning 15 from just 66 starts, while Hendriks settled for fourth.

For a change, Fisher won early with a double at the Carolina Cup and another win at the Cup Runneth Over. Timber newcomers Schoodic and Political Theatre (Ire) came through at My Lady's Manor and Fisher tripled at Middleburg and the Queen's Cup to put up a quick 11 wins in the year's first six weeks.

By the end, he came within two wins of tying Sheppard's record 39 jump wins in a single season set in 1988. Fisher was chasing the record, then he wasn't as he skipped the year's final race meet at Charleston.

"Sheppard wasn't one of my idols growing up, [Hall of Fame jockey] Jerry Fishback was, but he was one of the cool guys to come before us so it means something to get that close," Fisher said. "Everything is so different now. Every race feels like it's hard to win."

In Sheppard's 39-win season, the NSA sanctioned 241 races. The 2019 number was 167.

Fisher called Scorpiancer (Ire) his favorite winner of the season, as the 10-year-old summoned his championship form from 2017 to win the Iroquois-G1 in May. The oldest horse in the race dug in late to catch Surprising Soul and hold off Moscato (GB) and win the 3-mile hurdle stakes for the second time.

"I have a soft spot for him," the trainer said. "He's been around and he's weird. He's got some mental issues. He's great at the races, but at the farm he's got mental problems. We understand each other."

Fisher's horses finished first or second in each of the five Grade 1 hurdle stakes in 2019—winning the Iroquois and placing in the A.P. Smithwick, New York Turf Writers, Lonesome Glory and Grand National. First-year hurdler Snap Decision rose through the ranks from maiden to four-time winner and novice champion. Timber rookie Schoodic won five of six. Gibralfaro (Ire) won two stakes. Moscato (GB) won the Temple Gwathmey after missing 2018.

"I don't count wins, but I thought we could do well," Fisher said of his pre-season thoughts. "I thought that [in 2018] too. I thought I had a good group of horses. They just didn't turn out to be as good as I thought, and we didn't win as many races."

Winston C, here winning the New York Turf Writers Cup at Saratoga, looks to have the inside track toward the Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser.

Fisher passed the $17 million mark in career steeplechase earnings, and trails only Sheppard's $24.5 million on the all-time list.

WHO'S THE CHAMP?

The official steeplechase championship gets awarded as part of Thoroughbred racing's Eclipse Awards Jan. 23, but the decision ought to be relatively simple for the voters. Winston C (Ire) won two of the year's five Grade 1 stakes, the A.P. Smithwick Memorial and New York Turf Writers Cup at Saratoga, while no other horse could land more than one open hurdle stakes on the year.

Trained by Sheppard for Ed Swyer's Hudson River Farm, Winston C started 2019 with three wins in England for trainer Harry Fry. Fifth in a novice hurdle stakes at Aintree in April, the son of Rip Van Winkle (Ire) was sold to Swyer and made his American debut less than a month later at the Iroquois. Third in a competitive novice stakes there, he blossomed at Saratoga–trouncing 10 foes in the Smithwick July 25 and laughing home by 8¾ lengths in the Turf Writers four weeks later.

Winston C carried 154 pounds in the latter, at least eight more than his rivals, and picked up six more for the Lonesome Glory at Belmont Park in September. The now 6-year-old got shuffled back early and ran into some traffic trouble while making up ground on the final turn before settling for fourth.

It was his last start of the season, as he went to the sidelines with a throat infection discovered after that race. Winston C was treated with antibiotics and rest–lots of rest–and was scheduled to return to training this month in preparation for a 2020 campaign.

"It was pretty serious," said Keri Brion, Sheppard's assistant trainer. "They were worried it would rupture with a lot of exercise, so we had to stop with him. He worked great before [the Lonesome Glory], never showed a glimpse of anything but after the race he was coughing uncontrollably."

Winston C's autumn schedule consisted of turnout time, with 15 of his closest friends/enemies, in the infield of Sheppard's training track on the Pennsylvania farm.

"He bosses everybody around," Brion said. "He's naughty, a 15-hand demon. He'll be really happy to be back in work. He handled vacation, but his work ethic is so good he'd rather be doing something so we're excited to get him back and pointed toward some races in 2020."

Winston C earned $197,500 in the United States in 2019, second only to the $270,000 earned by English raider Brain Power (Ire) in the Grand National (his only American start). The Grand National's $450,000 purse skews American steeplechase earnings, as no other race is even worth $200,000.

Scorpiancer won the Grade 1 Iroquois in May, but was pulled up in the Temple Gwathmey before that and finished fifth in the Lonesome Glory before placing a well-beaten second in the Grand National (15 lengths behind Brain Power). Surprising Soul's Lonesome Glory score and Iroquois runner-up finish put him in the Eclipse conversation, but he was a non-threatening sixth (and last of the finishers) in the Grand National.

No American hurdle horse won more races in 2019 than Snap Decision, but all of his six starts came in restricted company–three maiden races, an allowance and two novice stakes. He won the last four to claim the NSA novice championship (for horses who started the U.S. season as maidens) with $176,400 in earnings.

AROUND THE HORN

Bruton Street-US, the partnership of Mike Hankin, Charlie Noell and Charlie Fenwick, secured its second owners' championship in three years thanks to nine wins and 614,500 from 39 starts. The stable campaigned horses with Fisher and others, and put Scorpiancer, Snap Decision and Moscato in the top 10 while also getting a rich Far Hills win from Irish-based mare Pravalaguna (Fr). The race for second among the owners was much tighter as Hudson River Farm edged Riverdee Stable $317,800 to $317,250. Past champion Irv Naylor placed fourth with Gill Johnston (who led the circuit with 10 wins) finishing out the top five.

■ In other equine categories, Market Alley won the filly/mare championship with $61,000 bankrolled in two wins for owner/breeder Peggy Steinman and trainer Doug Fout. The filly/mare championship trophy is a sculpture of Life's Illusion (the only filly or mare to win the overall steeplechase championship) by Fout's mother Eve; Global Freedom (GB) captured the 3-year-old crown with a win and a third for $32,500 in earnings for Rosbrian Farm and trainers Gordon Elliott and Ricky Hendriks; and Andi'amu (Fr) claimed the timber championship with $115,500 earned on three wins and a second from four starts on the season for Ballybristol Farm and trainer Leslie Young (see related story for more). ■

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Sharing the wealth

BY JOHN P. SPARKMAN

In the 36-year history of the Breeders' Cup, only one mare has founded a three-generation sequence of Breeders' Cup winners. Unbeaten, immortal Personal Ensign won the Breeders' Cup Distaff in 1988; her daughter My Flag followed seven years later with a victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies; and My Flag's daughter Storm Flag Flying completed the hat trick in 2002, emulating her dam's Juvenile Fillies triumph.

Shared Account is two-thirds of the way there. Winner of the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1 herself for Sagamore Farm in 2010, her Maryland-bred daughter Sharing was the Mid-Atlantic region's only winner at the 2019 Breeders' Cup meeting, scoring an upset victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1.

Shared Account was bred in Kentucky by the late Bill Carl, but her pedigree echoes the shared history of the Maryland and Virginia Thoroughbred industry. Her sire, Breeders' Cup Classic winner Pleasantly Perfect, was a Kentucky-bred, but his sire Pleasant Colony was bred at Thomas Mellon Evans' Buckland Farm near Upperville, Va., and raced in Buckland's colors. After a long and successful stud career in Kentucky, he retired to Virginia and upon his death was buried at Buckland.

Kevin Plank purchased Sagamore Farm in Glyndon, Md., in 2007, and that same year acquired Shared Account for $170,000 at the Keeneland September yearling sale, through agent Bob Feld. Trained by Graham Motion, she won six of 18 starts, and though the Filly and Mare Turf was her only Grade 1 triumph, she also accounted for the Grade 2 Lake Placid and Grade 3 All Along and finished second in three Grade 1 stakes.

Although Shared Account and her first four dams were all Kentucky-breds, her fifth dam, the Phipps family foundation mare Bold Irish, was purchased late in life by Mrs. Gladys Mills Phipps's Maryland-based son-in-law Stuart S. Janney Jr. Janney metaphorically squared the circle of Sharing's pedigree by breeding Bold Irish to Native Dancer, who was bred and owned by Sagamore Farm under the ownership of its founder Alfred G. Vanderbilt Jr., and stood his entire stud career at Sagamore. The product of that assignation was the stakes-placed filly Shenanigans, dam of the immortal Ruffian and the top-class but irascible racehorse and sire Icecapade.

Sharing's sire, Speightstown, also has Mid-Atlantic roots. His sire, Gone West, was Kentucky-bred, but purchased as a yearling by James and Alice Mills of Middleburg, Va.'s Hickory Tree Farm. The Millses were already intimately familiar with Gone West's family, having purchased his second dam Tamerett from Pennsylvania breeder Bertram N. Lindner for only $10,000 at the 1963 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale before losing her in a $7,500 claimer. Tamerett was also the dam of highly successful but short-lived Maryland sire Tentam, by Intentionally.

Speightstown's female line also shares a long and historic Mid-Atlantic heritage. His sixth dam, Hildene, by Bubbling Over, was the original foundation mare at Christopher T. Chenery's The Meadow in Doswell, Va. Dam of Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer Hill Prince, champion 2-year-old and classic sire First Landing, high-class racer Third Brother and two other stakes winners, Hildene still ranks as one of the greatest broodmares in Thoroughbred history, and she is granddam of one of America's greatest racemares in Hall of Famer Cicada. Speightstown descends from Hildene through her daughter First Flush, by *Flushing II, and her daughter Copper Canyon, by Bryan G., all Chenery-breds, before the line was sold on to other breeders.

Sharing is the second Breeders' Cup winner among Speightstown's 111 black-type winners to date, following 2016 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1 winner Tamarkuz (out of Without You Babe, by Lemon Drop Kid). Winner of the 2004 Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 himself, Speightstown has long ranked among the leading American sires, and his progeny are particularly noteworthy for their versatility. In addition to Tamarkuz, his Grade 1 winners on dirt include Reynaldothewizard (Holiday Runner, by Meadowlake), Travers winner Golden Ticket (Business Plan, by Deputy Minister), Haynesfield (Nothing Special, by Tejabo), Dance to Bristol (Dance to Dawn, by Louis Quatorze), Jersey Town (Jersey Girl, by Belong to Me), Rock Fall (Renda, by Medaglia d'Oro) and Poseidon's Warrior (Poised to Pounce, by Smarten).

Speightstown's offspring are almost equally adept on turf, as evidenced by top-level winners Force the Pass (Social Queen, by Dynaformer), Seek Again (Light Jig-GB, by Danehill), Lord Shanakill (Green Room, by Theatrical-Ire) and Competitionofideas (Devil by Design, by Medaglia d'Oro), in addition to Sharing.

The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf was Sharing's third win in four starts for trainer Graham Motion and owners Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable. A late-closing third first time out at Saratoga in a turf maiden race over the inadequate distance of 5½ furlongs, she led all the way in her second start, an off-the-turf test over 7 furlongs at the same track, winning by an easy 6¼ lengths on a track rated good. She earned her first black type in Laurel's historic Selima Stakes before her trip to Santa Anita for the Breeders' Cup.

Any racehorse is a product of a long and tangled history of many breeders' contributions to the Thoroughbred breed. Sharing's history, more than most, meandered through some of the most storied nurseries of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, finally returning home to Sagamore Farm. ✹

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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2019

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.
The following statistics, compiled on December 2, reflect 2019 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

		Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./ Runners	Avg./ Runner	Stakes Winners
1.	Jump Start (deceased)	1,413	213	1,288	95	147	Hey Mamaluke ($196,819)	$5,138,541	45	$24,125	8
2.	Warrior's Reward (Pa)	542	217	1,345	105	177	Night Ops ($249,921)	4,072,080	48	18,765	2
3.	Fiber Sonde (WV)	242	93	623	64	150	Runnin'toluvya ($621,660)	3,651,507	69	39,264	7
4.	Great Notion (Md)	335	91	562	50	93	Anna's Bandit ($356,830)	2,938,441	55	32,291	3
5.	Friesan Fire (Md)	227	98	598	50	81	Call Paul ($294,220)	2,604,807	51	26,580	3
6.	Flashback (Pa)	164	88	386	37	52	British Idiom ($1,381,250)	2,598,688	42	29,531	1
7.	El Padrino (deceased)	155	80	446	44	67	Taco Supream ($196,627)	2,574,336	55	32,179	3
8.	Windsor Castle (WV)	363	88	671	58	106	Castle Bound ($152,044)	2,136,457	66	24,278	3
9.	Not For Love (deceased)	975	48	462	34	69	Clubman ($228,707)	1,912,386	71	39,841	1
10.	Weigelia (Pa)	131	52	447	31	48	Chasing My Halo ($115,872)	1,534,920	60	29,518	0
11.	Street Magician (Md)	137	58	346	26	46	So Street ($158,933)	1,440,583	45	24,838	1
12.	Orientate (pensioned)	845	60	436	36	58	The Great Provider ($99,604)	1,393,450	60	23,224	1
13.	Limehouse (WV)	461	80	527	43	66	Lymebyrd ($104,492)	1,383,188	54	17,290	0
14.	Smarty Jones (Pa)	750	104	557	38	49	Someday Jones ($170,850)	1,325,146	37	12,742	2
15.	Talent Search (Pa)	159	42	334	27	46	I'm the Talent ($135,190)	1,188,625	64	28,301	1
16.	Charitable Man (deceased)	189	79	524	36	65	Hero's Man ($91,904)	1,181,626	46	14,957	0
17.	Super Ninety Nine (Md)	63	41	212	24	40	Tommy Shelby ($96,877)	1,088,295	59	26,544	0
18.	Seville (Ger) (deceased)	147	72	370	22	35	Las Setas ($224,640)	1,057,520	31	14,688	2
19.	Exclusive Quality (deceased)	345	60	417	30	50	Wishful Quality ($86,060)	974,272	50	16,238	0
20.	Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	38	19	108	11	17	Midnightcharly ($267,888)	937,581	58	49,346	2
21.	Redeemed (Md)	93	40	263	20	29	Redeem My Heart ($99,220)	930,702	50	23,268	0
22.	Despite the Odds (WV)	66	38	273	23	34	Port Louis ($75,312)	909,090	61	23,923	1
23.	Bandbox (Md)	57	32	150	19	26	Bunting ($99,985)	873,543	59	27,298	0
24.	Hey Chub (NJ)	46	26	120	14	25	Izzadora Bella ($131,410)	863,370	54	33,207	0
25.	Rockport Harbor (deceased)	471	36	300	24	52	Blue Harbor ($94,716)	831,832	67	23,106	2
26.	Mr. Sidney (Va)	127	39	298	20	30	Mr. Alec ($91,100)	809,659	51	20,760	1
27.	Silver Train (deceased)	539	64	426	26	39	Nellie Mac ($82,913)	792,810	41	12,388	0
28.	Tritap (deceased)	40	27	165	14	20	Tappin Cat ($125,572)	699,890	52	25,922	0
29.	Mad Flatter (deceased)	48	22	202	18	28	Glowing Star ($78,604)	689,378	82	31,335	0
30.	Petionville (Md)	752	35	193	14	26	Trace of Grace ($161,480)	684,726	40	19,564	1
31.	Denis of Cork (WV)	130	39	321	18	36	B's Wild Cork ($93,190)	673,189	46	17,261	1
32.	Outflanker (Md)	568	28	190	15	25	Leap to Glory ($89,576)	631,365	54	22,549	0
33.	Cal Nation (Pa)	49	28	228	16	21	Ournationonparade ($65,920)	609,418	57	21,765	1
34.	Machen (WV)	69	32	262	19	40	Shy Guy ($59,184)	599,595	59	18,737	0
35.	Medallist (Pa)	204	15	121	10	19	Winning the Medal ($109,908)	592,968	67	39,531	0
36.	Crown of Thorns (Pa)	55	27	166	12	24	Crown and Sugar ($116,490)	580,969	44	21,517	1
37.	Bullsbay (Pa)	86	36	210	12	19	Dancing Bull ($85,660)	555,373	33	15,427	0
38.	Lord Shanakill (Pa)	203	55	380	33	49	Ciao ($33,430)	532,211	60	9,677	0
39.	†Golden Lad (Md)	61	18	57	10	13	Hello Beautiful ($106,558)	524,826	56	29,157	1
40.	Albert the Great (pensioned)	412	29	203	15	24	Screen Saver ($55,610)	500,584	52	17,262	0
41.	Friend Or Foe (Va)	19	8	36	6	9	Mr. Buff ($398,000)	497,001	75	62,125	1
42.	†Bourbon Courage (Md)	42	18	61	6	8	Raging Whiskey ($110,927)	470,106	33	26,117	1
43.	Rock Slide (pensioned)	282	15	104	10	17	Rocky Policy ($179,631)	448,660	67	29,911	1
44.	Nicanor (pensioned)	44	20	138	13	19	Fearless Terp ($82,049)	444,390	65	22,220	0
45.	Fairbanks (deceased)	229	31	207	11	18	Jeezum Jim ($70,528)	437,503	35	14,113	0
46.	Swiss Yodeler (WV)	785	33	221	17	26	Alpine Moon ($54,617)	410,806	52	12,449	0
47.	Done Talking (SC)	16	11	96	9	22	Lonely Drifter ($111,638)	408,727	82	37,157	0
48.	Well Spelled (Pa)	24	15	95	9	16	Fish to Fry ($99,586)	396,198	60	26,413	0
49.	Buffum (deceased)	23	13	77	8	16	Stormin Hongkong ($92,965)	388,560	62	29,889	1
50.	Louis Quatorze (deceased)	991	22	150	8	11	Dothat Dance ($58,530)	375,384	36	17,063	0
51.	Rimrod (Pa)	112	16	104	7	9	Girl Powder ($66,105)	343,241	44	21,453	0
52.	Cable Boy (deceased)	23	6	42	2	6	Optic Way ($205,713)	341,356	33	56,893	1
53.	King Puma (NJ)	26	8	45	2	6	Love Is Your Name ($193,815)	323,247	25	40,406	0
54.	Winchill (Pa)	22	11	41	6	9	Word On a Wing ($132,720)	320,987	55	29,181	0
55.	Il Postino (NJ)	16	9	72	5	7	Irish Meadow ($65,287)	313,831	56	34,870	0
56.	†Imagining (Md)	48	16	59	5	5	On the Turf ($73,753)	311,480	31	19,468	0
57.	Bop (deceased)	192	13	96	6	17	C. D. Jammin ($97,990)	306,240	46	23,557	0
58.	Capo Bastone (WV)	29	15	77	8	12	Starship Nala ($70,000)	300,856	53	20,057	0
59.	Our Entourage (WV)	25	13	83	9	20	Chiefs Kingdom ($89,411)	297,795	69	22,907	0
60.	Lion Hearted (deceased)	624	16	100	8	12	Tricky Lion ($112,307)	293,367	50	18,335	0
61.	Partner's Hero (Pa)	463	15	94	6	6	Zipper's Hero ($93,070)	266,543	40	17,770	1
62.	Gattopardo (WV)	28	10	66	6	8	Opera Nite ($104,622)	265,380	60	26,538	0
63.	Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	308	12	81	4	6	Wise Jude ($86,098)	260,349	33	21,696	0
64.	Don Six (NJ)	92	15	85	3	4	Don's Escapade ($60,650)	243,008	20	16,201	0
65.	Reflect Times (Jpn) (Pa)	27	10	74	5	9	You Tell Me ($59,580)	235,863	50	23,586	0

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Great Notion	$7,500	14	17%	$81,244	$5,273	$32,291	1.51/1.21
Warrior's Reward	$5,000	8	14%	$51,909	$3,721	$18,982	1.04/1.34
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RACING RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Won
2	5	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	$148,400
3	9	4 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	244,937
4	7	1 (1)	0	2 (2)	307,810
	21	7 (5)	2 (2)	4 (4)	$701,147

At 2, won **MONMOUTH PARK NATC FUTURITY** (6 fur., by 7 lengths over Value Added Tax, Printing Press, Gaither Draw, etc.) and a maiden special at Philadelphia Park (first start, 4½ fur. in :52.62, defeating Ucan'tcme, etc.); 2nd **Grey Planet S** (to Royal Currier, defeating Shmooz Talker, etc.); 3rd **First State Dash S** (to Uncle Otto, Steady Warrior, defeating Blue Rock, etc.).

At 3, won **EAST HANOVER S** (6 fur. in 1:09.36, by 6¼ lengths over Matthewsburg, Herp, Divine Music, etc.), **LE BAGOTER S** (6 fur. in 1:09.67, good track, by 3½ lengths over Royal Currier, etc.), **NEW CASTLE S** (6 fur. in 1:09.08, defeating Nathan's H Q, Filled With Wonder, etc.) and an allowance at Parx Racing (6 fur. in 1:08.18, by 10 lengths over Mass Destruction, etc.); 2nd **Gallant Bob S** (to Royal Currier, defeating Indiano, etc.); 3rd **Valley Forge S** (to Royal Currier, J J's Lucky Train, defeating Escrow Kid, Sloane Ranger, etc.).

At 4, won **ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H-G1** (6 fur. in 1:09.40, muddy track, defeating Justin Phillip, Emcee, Hamazing Destiny, Rothko, Jersey Town, Sloane Ranger, Shackleford); 3rd **Vosburgh Invitational S-G1** (to The Lumber Guy, Caixa Eletronica, defeating Little Drama, Sean Avery, Justin Phillip, etc.), **Fabulous Strike H** (to Ben's Cat, Immortal Eyes, defeating Il Villano, etc.).

STUD RECORD*

	BY CROPS (All seasons)						SEASONS (All crops)			
Yr	Fls	Rnrs	Wnrs	(SWs)	Crop Earnings	Avg/run	Yr	Wnrs	(Wins)	Earnings
'15	118	69	38	(2)	3,106,587	45,023	'17	6	(8)	598,466
'16	61	37	25		897,277	24,251	'18	34	(49)	1,778,419
'17	35	18	6		169,966	9,443	'19	48	(68)	1,796,945
	214	124	69	(2)	4,173,830	33,660			(125)	4,173,830

*to Dec. 17, 2019

POSEIDON'S WARRIOR has sired 2 stakes winners, 2 stakes-placed in his first three crops:

FIRENZE FIRE (Langfuhr): 8 wins, $1,634,000 to 4, 2019, Champagne S-G1, Gallant Bob S-G3, Dwyer S-G3, Sanford S-G3, Fabulous Strike S, Jerome S, Runhappy S, 2nd Forego S-G1, Vosburgh S-G1, Withers S-G3, 3rd H. Allen Jerkens S-G1, Zaxby's Sprint S.

NAVY COMMANDER (Fairbanks): 7 wins, $293,983 to 4, 2019, Long Branch S, 3rd Roanoke S, Robert Hilton Memorial S.

Splicethemainbrace (Ecclesiastic): 3 wins, $200,204 to 3, 2019, 2nd Limehouse S, 3rd Pennsylvania Nursery S.

Powerful Venezuela (Deputy Commander): 2 wins, $67,885 to 4, 2019, 2nd Ocala Flame S.

Oh My Warrior (Pentelicus): 4 wins, $112,433 to 4, 2019.

Two-year-old winners: Admiral Eastwood ($26,700), Fast Venezuela ($26,500), Poseidon's Passion ($19,720), Primal Destiny ($15,226), Dependable Lady ($10,560), Fast Warrior (in Puerto Rico).

MALE LINE

His sire, **SPEIGHTSTOWN,** champion sprinter, stakes winner of 10 races, $1,258,256, Breeders' Cup Sprint S-G1, Churchill Downs H-G2, etc.

SPEIGHTSTOWN has sired 119 stakes winners, including:

ESSENCE HIT MAN: Champion male sprinter in Canada twice, 12 wins, $1,414,689, Vigil S-G3, Bold Venture S-G3 twice, etc.

BOLD SCRIPT: Champion 2-year-old filly in Canada, 2 wins, $351,063 to 3, 2019, Princess Elizabeth S, 2nd Woodbine Oaks, Cup and Saucer S, etc.

FARMAH: Highweighted 3-year-old (5-7 fur.) in Italy, 4 wins, $158,256 in France, Italy and U.A.E., Premio Carlo e Francesco Aloisi-G3, etc.

REYNALDOTHEWIZARD: 11 wins, $2,210,790 in U.S. and U.A.E., Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Mahab Al Shimaal-G3, etc.

TAMARKUZ: 8 wins, $1,840,444, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1, etc.

GOLDEN TICKET: 6 wins, $1,362,924, Travers S-G1, Prairie Meadows H, Left Bank S, 2nd Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1, Stephen Foster H-G1, etc. Sire.

HAYNESFIELD: 10 wins, $1,319,481, Jockey Club Gold Cup S-G1, etc. Sire.

DANCE TO BRISTOL: 10 wins, $980,880, Ballerina S-G1, etc.

SEEK AGAIN: 5 wins, $942,926, Hollywood Derby-G1, etc. Sire.

LORD SHANAKILL: 5 wins, $909,496 in England and France, Prix Jean Prat-G1, Mill Reef S-G2, Lennox S-G2, City Plate S, 2nd Dewhurst S-G1, etc. Sire.

JERSEY TOWN: 6 wins, $819,668, Cigar Mile H-G1, Kelso H-G2, etc. Sire.

ROCK FALL: 7 wins, $749,180 in 8 starts, Vosburgh S-G1, etc.

SHARING: 3 wins, $730,300 in 4 starts at 2, 2019, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1, Selima S.

FEMALE LINE

POISED TO POUNCE. 3 wins at 3 and 4, $62,420. Dam of 9 foals, 8 to race, all winners, including—

POSEIDON'S WARRIOR (Speightstown). Stakes winner.

PLAY BINGO (Polish Numbers). 7 wins, 3 to 5, $455,240, Sussex S, Maryland Million Classic S, Northern Dancer S, etc.

QUICK 'N SMART (Polish Numbers). 6 wins, 2 to 4, $156,820, Egret S, Seton Hall University S, etc. Dam of **SMART ENOUGH** (12 wins, $873,317, Highlander S-G3, Scotts Highlander S-G3, Turf Monster H-ncr, Cherokee Run H, Beau Genius H, Wolf Hill S twice, once ncr, Lamplighter S-ncr, Restoration S-ncr, Thomas Edison S-ncr, 2nd Shakertown S-G3, etc.).

Rhythmn Master (Two Punch). 10 wins, 2 to 6, $279,370, 2nd DTHA Governors Day S, Northern Dancer S.

Matrimony (Not For Love). 3 wins, 2 to 4, $89,840. Producer.

Popeye's Lady (Forest Wildcat). 3 wins at 2 and 3, $71,600. Producer.

LADY LYNDY. 4 wins at 3, $60,531, Twixt H, Windfall H, etc. Half-sister to **Count Off**, **Catabias**. Dam of 10 other foals, 9 to race, all winners, including—

SMART 'N QUICK. 15 wins, 3 to 7, $711,804, Laurel Budweiser Breeders' Cup H, Queen Isabella H, Gala Lil H, Squan Song H, etc. Dam of **Quick Punch** (17 wins, $440,469, 2nd Brandywine S, Taking Risks S), **Orleans Road** (11 wins, $344,317, 2nd John Henry S, 3rd Tampa Bay Breeders' Cup S), **I Smokin** (4 wins in 7 starts, $67,396, 3rd Toes Knows S, etc.).

So Brash. 12 wins, 4 to 7, $175,602, 3rd Veterans Day S, etc. Producer.

Rare Flight. 6 wins, 4 to 6, $108,767, 2nd Sweet and Sassy S. Dam of **I'm a Little Busy** (2 wins, $74,456, 3rd Dearly Precious S). Granddam of **She's Got Thefever** (13 wins, $222,622, 3rd New Braunfels S), **Bekki's Dance** (14 wins, $213,606 to 7, 2019, 3rd Small Wonder S).

Fly So High. 5 wins, 3 to 5, $104,150, 3rd All Brandy S. Producer. Granddam of **It's Time to Smile** (5 wins, $192,673, 3rd Ohio Derby-G2, etc.).

Really Keen. 3 wins at 4 and 5, $139,580. Producer. Granddam of **CONQUEST ENFORCER** (champion grass horse in Canada, 5 wins, $551,938, Mathis Brothers Mile S-G2, Charlie Barley S, Allied Forces S, Cup and Saucer S, Queenston S, 3rd Nearctic S-G2, etc.), **KEEN GIZMO** (6 wins, $385,223 to 8, 2019, Steady Growth S, etc.), **CONQUEST VIVI** (3 wins, $169,046, Nandi S, etc.).

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Grade 1 winner Poseidon's Warrior to stand in Pennsylvania

Grade 1-winning sprinter Poseidon's Warrior, a son of sprint champion Speightstown, has moved from Kentucky to Rodney Eckenrode's Equistar Farm in Annville, Pa. The 12-year-old dark bay will stand for $5,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

Poseidon's Warrior has sired in three crops to race the earners of more than $4.1 million, led by seven-time stakes winner Firenze Fire from his first crop. Winner of the Champagne Stakes-G1 for 2-year-olds, Firenze Fire is one of the nation's top sprinters. In 22 starts over three seasons, he has won eight races and earned $1,634,000, racing exclusively in stakes since scoring by daylight in his debut at Monmouth. Other wins have come in the Grade 3 Sanford at 2; the Gallant Bob and Dwyer, both Grade 3, at 3; and most recently the Fabulous Strike at Penn National. His stakes-placings include Grade 1 efforts in the Forego, H. Allen Jerkens and Vosburgh.

Also from Poseidon's Warrior's first crop are stakes winner Navy Commander ($293,983, Long Branch S, etc.) and stakes-placed Powerful Venezuela; his 3-year-olds of 2019 included Splicethemainbrace, a stakes-placed earner of $200,204.

With progeny earnings in 2019 of $1.8 million, Poseidon's Warrior ranks among the top 10 active Mid-Atlantic sires.

A stakes winner each year he competed, Poseidon's Warrior won or placed in 13 of 21 starts, 11 times in stakes, and earned $701,147. He won Saratoga's Alfred G. Vanderbilt-G1 at 4, getting 6 furlongs in 1:09.40 while defeating Shackelford, Justin Phillip and Jersey Town, and was third in that year's Vosburgh-G1. He won the Monmouth Park NATC Futurity by 7 lengths in his stakes debut at 2, and added three stakes at 3, all at 6 furlongs in 1:09 and change.

Poseidon's Warrior descends from a family with a rich history in the region. Out of the Smarten mare Poised to Pounce, a half-sister to $711,804-earner and seven-time stakes winner Smart 'n Quick, Poseidon's Warrior is a half-brother to Maryland Million Classic winner Play Bingo and multiple stakes winner Quick 'n Smart, dam of two-time graded stakes winner and multiple course record-setting turf sprinter Smart Enough ($873,317, Highlander S-G3, etc.). Poseidon's Warrior is from the family of Canadian champion grass horse Conquest Enforcer.

Command Post joins WynOaks Farm in Pennsylvania

Command Post, a stakes-placed winner from the final crop of sire of sires Harlan's Holiday, is entering stud at WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa. The 6-year-old will stand for $2,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses, as property of the farm.

Out of a half-sister to Distorted Humor, the nation's leading sire of 2011, Command Post was a six-figure sales yearling who finished on the board in six of his seven starts while racing for Gary and Mary West. He won three times in allowance company, from 6 furlongs to a mile and 70 yards at Monmouth and Gulfstream Park, and in his only stakes attempt was third in Monmouth's 1 1/16-mile Long Branch Stakes. He earned $104,110.

His dam Danzig's Humor (by Lemon Drop Kid) also produced Venezuelan champion 2-year-old colt One Way and Group 1-placed Venezuelan stakes winner Freely, and is the granddam of $226,835-earner and multiple stakes performer Angel At War.

Second dam Danzig's Beauty (by Danzig) won the Grade 2 Gardenia and was second in the Grade 1 Acorn. In addition to producing stakes winner and track record-setter Distorted Humor, the sire of 163 stakes winners to date, she is the dam of stakes winner Dancing Gulch, and three other stakes-producing daughters, including the dam of graded stakes winner Liam's Dream. Third dam Sweetest Chant won seven stakes including the Grade 2 Arlington Matron and Orchid. The family includes Canadian champion Never Retreat, millionaire Seaside Retreat, multiple graded winner Cassaleria and graded winner Liam's Dream.

Other sons of Harlan's Holiday at stud include the nation's 2019 leading sire Into Mischief, with more than $18.5 million in progeny earnings and 22 black-type winners for the year; Shanghai Bobby, the sire of 27 stakes winners; and Majesticperfection, the sire of 20 stakes winners.

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Beau Ridge adds new stallions to West Virginia

KATHERINE TURNBULL (2)

Redirect (left) and Spiritus Invictus join Fiber Sonde and Master Rick at Beau Ridge for the 2020 season.

John McKee and Cyndy O'Bannon are hoping to have lightning strike twice with the acquisition of two well-bred young stallions from sire-producing families to stand at their Beau Ridge Farm in Kearneysville, W.Va.

A dozen years ago they purchased Speightstown's unraced half-brother Fiber Sonde and have watched him become a graded stakes sire who ranked second among active regional sires in 2019.

Speightstown's son Redirect, and classic sire War Front's son Spiritus Invictus join Fiber Sonde for 2020. They stand for $1,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

Redirect

A year-younger half-brother to 2019 Pacific Classic-G1 winner Higher Power, 4-year-old Redirect is from a solid black-type family that includes Canadian champion 3-year-old colt and Horse of the Year and Canada's leading sire Peaks and Valleys.

Unraced Redirect is one of 11 foals for three-time stakes winner Alternate, whose nine foals to race are all winners, three in stakes, led by Higher Power. Rising to prominence with his 5¼-length win in Del Mar's Pacific Classic, he followed with thirds in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and Awesome Again Stakes-G1 while pushing his career earnings to $1,376,648.

Redirect is also a half-brother to millionaire Alternation, who counted the Oaklawn Handicap-G2, Peter Pan-G2, Pimlico Special-G3 and Razorback Handicap-G3 among his nine wins while earning $1,064,727. In his first three crops at stud, Alternation is represented by 2019 Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Serengeti Empress and seven other stakes winners.

Their half-sister Interrupted earned $251,005 and placed in a graded stakes.

An earner of $550,695, Alternate (by Seattle Slew) is a half-sister to Peaks and Valleys, winner of the Grade 1 Molson Export Million and Meadowlands Cup-G1 and an earner of $1,589,270. The family includes champions Forever Together, Pharaoh's Delight, Werther and Hall of Famer Open Mind, and top-class graded stakes winners Broken Vow and Mucho Gusto. Broken Vow is the sire of 88 stakes winners, including champion juvenile filly Champagne Room.

Spiritus Invictus

The first foal of Grade 1 winner Centre Court, Spiritus Invictus is by one of the nation's leading sires and rising sire of sires War Front.

Spiritus Invictus' direct female line is made up entirely of stakes performers for seven generations, going back to the stakes-winning high-class producer Dinner Partner. He traces directly to Group 3 winner Fabuleux Jane, a half-sister to European sprint champion and sire Ajdal. Fabuleux Jane is the dam of Grade 1 winner Joyeux Danseur and three other stakes performers, including Danseur Fabuleux, dam of U.S. and French champion and sire Arazi and English champion and sire Noverre.

Spiritus Invictus' dam Centre Court won the Grade 1 Jenny Wiley Stakes and five other graded stakes while earning $961,048. After producing Spiritus Invictus in 2016, she has been bred to Tapit, Medaglia d'Oro, Arrogate and Bernardini.

Centre Court is a half-sister to graded winner Ravel and to the dam of stakes winners Annulment and Youngest Daughter. Their dam, graded winner Let (by A.P. Indy), earned $604,020. Spiritus Invictus' third dam, stakes-placed Net Dancer, also produced Japan Cup Dirt-G1 and NHK Mile Cup-G1 winner Eagle Cafe.

The oldest of War Front's sons at stud are Grade 1 sires The Factor (with four crops to race) and the 2018 leading third-crop sire in the nation, and Declaration of War, whose three crops include French classic winner Olmedo.

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Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: STEPHEN'S ANSWER. NJ-bred: SUNNY RIDGE. PA-bred: MONONGAHELA, NEWSTOME, PRECIOUS, VAULT. WV-bred: ANGLE OF ATTACK, B'S WILD CORK, PENGUIN POWER.

Maryland-bred

STEPHEN'S ANSWER

Delta Mile Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 3 & up. Delta Downs, Nov. 16.

	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
			My Charmer
		Weekend Surprise	Secretariat
	Stephen Got Even		Lassie Dear
		Cox's Ridge	Best Turn
	Immerse		Our Martha
		Baroness Direct	Blushing Groom (Fr)
Stephen's Answer, b.g., 2013			Avum
	Seeking Daylight	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector
			Con Game
		Play all Day	Steady Growth
	Answer by Daylight		Playful Spirit
		Polish Numbers	Danzig
	Leading Question		Numbered Account
		Lady of Vision (Ire)	Vision
			Lady of the House

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
15-16	unraced					
17	8	1	1	2	$ 15,981	
18	17	2	5	4	49,297	
19 (sw)	14	6 (1)	1	1	137,799	
	39	9 (1)	7	7	$203,077	(through Nov. 16)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Delta Mile S**, 1 mi., 3 & up, Delta Downs, Nov. 16.

Bred by Wayne Morris and Juanita Morris (Md.); owned by Empire Racing Stables LLC (Jason Bullard); trained by Robertino Diodoro.

Sire: **STEPHEN GOT EVEN,** b., 96 (deceased).

Dam: ANSWER BY DAYLIGHT, dk.b./br., 07, bred by Wayne Morris and Juanita Morris (Md.). Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, $9,610.

13 **STEPHEN'S ANSWER**, b.g. by Stephen Got Even.

14 Get Up She's Gone, b.f. by Stephen Got Even. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, $32,133.

15 c. by Justin Phillip.

New Jersey-bred

SUNNY RIDGE

Richard W. Small Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1⅛ mi., 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 30.

	Great Above	Minnesota Mac	Rough'n Tumble
			*Cow Girl II
		Ta Wee	Intentionally
	Holy Bull		Aspidistra
		Al Hattab	The Axe II
	Sharon Brown		*Abyssinia II
		Agathea's Dawn	*Grey Dawn II
Sunny Ridge, gr./ro.g., 2013			Agathea
	Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled
			Trolley Song
		Alizea	Premiership
	Lignum Vitae		Fancy Medallion
		Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
	Slewdacious		My Charmer
		Bodacious Tatas	Distinctive Pro
			Key to Paree

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
15 (sw)	5	2 (1)	2 (2)	0	$ 374,752	
16 (sw)	6	1 (1)	0	2 (2)	308,250	
17 (sw)	4	2 (2)	1 (1)	0	254,400	
18 (sw)	6	1 (1)	2 (1)	2 (2)	241,500	
19 (sw)	7	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	235,675	
	28	8 (7)	6 (5)	6 (6)	$1,414,577	(through Nov. 30)

2015: 1st $100,000 **Sapling S** (plus $15,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 1 mi., 2-year-olds, Monmouth, Sept. 6; 2nd **Champagne S-G1, Delta Downs Jackpot S-G3**. **2016:** 1st $250,000 **Withers S-G3**, 1 1/16 mi., 3-year-olds, Aqueduct, Jan. 30; 3rd **Haskell Invitational S-G1**, **Queens County S**. **2017:** 1st $125,000 **Jazil S**, 1 mi. 70 yds., 4 & up, Aqueduct, Jan. 14; $125,000 **Stymie S**, 1⅛ mi., 4 & up, Aqueduct, March 12; 2nd **Brooklyn Invitational S-G2**. **2018:** 1st $100,000 **State Dinner S**, 1 1/16 mi., 4 & up, Belmont, July 6; 2nd **Kelso H-G2**; 3rd **Cigar Mile H-G1, Salvator Mile S-G3**. **2019:** 1st $150,000 **Salvator Mile S-G3** (plus $15,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 1 mi., 3 & up, Monmouth, May 25; $100,000 **Richard W. Small S**, 1⅛ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 30; 2nd **Jazil S**; 3rd **Westchester S-G3**, **Charles Hesse III S**.

Bred and owned by Dennis A. Drazin (N.J.); trained by Jason Servis.

Sire: **HOLY BULL,** gr., 91 (deceased).

Dam: LIGNUM VITAE, b., 07, bred by Dennis Drazin, John C. Kimmel and Caesar P. Kimmel (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, $2,504.

12 Petra, ch.f. by Holy Bull. Unraced.

13 **SUNNY RIDGE**, gr./ro.g. by Holy Bull.

Pennsylvania-bred

MONONGAHELA

Swatara Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up. Penn National, Nov. 27.

	Apalachee	Round Table	*Princequillo
			*Knight's Daughter
		Moccasin	Nantallah
	K One King		*Rough Shod II
		Native Charger	Native Dancer
	Tis Michelle		Greek Blond
		Noble Royalty	Bolinas Boy
Monongahela, b.h., 2014			Noble Princess
	Touch Gold	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
			Mint Copy
		Passing Mood	Buckpasser
	Record High		Cool Mood
		Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector
	Slumber Party		Classy 'n Smart
		Just Us Girls	Stage Door Johnny
			Barbara's Reason

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
16	2	0	2	0	$ 13,770	
17	10	5	4	0	138,573	
18	8	0	3 (3)	2 (2)	82,700	
19 (sw)	7	2 (2)	2 (2)	0	243,800	
	27	7 (2)	11 (5)	2 (2)	$478,843	(through Nov. 27)

2018: 2nd **Queens County S**, **Swatara S**, **Carl Hanford Memorial S**; 3rd **Robellino S**, **Grover Buddy Delp Memorial S**. **2019:** 1st $150,000 **Philip H. Iselin S-G3**, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up, Monmouth, June 22; $100,000 **Swatara S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up, Penn National, Nov. 27; 2nd **Excelsior S-G3**, **John B. Campbell S**.

Bred by Gunpowder Farms LLC (Pa.); owned by Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Gary Aisquith; trained by Jason Servis.

Sire: **K ONE KING**, ch., 96, stands at Millennium Farms, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: RECORD HIGH, b., 06, bred by Adena Springs (Ont.). Raced 5 years, 44 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 6, $150,180. (Adn Spr March 08—$60,000; FTM Dec 12—$8,000 in foal to Silver Train; Kee Nov 16—$3,000 in foal to K One King)

13 **LUCABUNNY**, ch.f. by Silver Train. Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, $203,424, Malvern Rose S, 3rd Northern Fling S.

14 **MONONGAHELA**, b.c. by K One King.

15 Fabulista, ch.f. by Pleasantly Perfect. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, $16,395.

16 Barren.

17 Queen High, ch.f. by K One King. Raced 1 year, 6 starts at 2, 0 wins, $5,773.

18-19 Barren.

NEWSTOME

James F. Lewis III Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Nov. 16.

		Harlan's Holiday	Harlan	
	Into Mischief		Christmas in Aiken	
		Leslie's Lady	Tricky Creek	
Goldencents			Crystal Lady	
		Banker's Gold	Forty Niner	
	Golden Works		Banker's Lady	
		Body Works	Bold Ruckus	
Newstome, gr./ro.c., 2017			Kinto	
		Unbridled	Fappiano	
	Unbridled's Song		Gana Facil	
		Trolley Song	Caro (Ire)	
Newstouse			Lucky Spell	
		Storm Cat	Storm Bird	
	Double Cat		Terlingua	
		Hollywood Wildcat	Kris S.	
			Miss Wildcatter	

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	4	3 (2)	0	0	$165,000 (through Nov. 16)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Mark McDermott S,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-olds, Presque Isle, Oct. 16; $100,000 **James F. Lewis III S**, 6 fur., 2-year-olds, Laurel, Nov. 16.

Bred by Equivine Farm (Pa.); owned by Marie F. Trombetta; trained by Michael J. Trombetta.

Sire: **GOLDENCENTS,** b., 10, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: NEWSTOUSE, gr./ro., 08, bred by Courtlandt Farm (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $104,017. (Kee Nov 12—$105,000; Kee Nov 13—$150,000 in foal to Shackleford; Kee Nov 14—$142,000 in foal to Shackleford)

14 Dum Spiro Spero, b.g. by Shackleford. Raced 1 year, 10 starts, 1 win at 4, $10,497. (Kee Jan 15—$50,000; FTM Oct 15—$4,500)

15 Palmer's Reward, ch.g. by Shackleford. Raced 1 year, 5 starts at 3, 0 wins, $1,410.

16 Mother's Day, gr./ro.f. by Union Rags. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 4 wins at 3, $43,379. (FTS Aug 17—$125,000; Kee Nov 18—$20,000)

17 **NEWSTOME**, gr./ro.c. by Goldencents. (FTM May 19—$30,000)

18 dk.b./br.f. by Exaggerator.

19 dk.b./br.f. by Declaration of War.

PRECIOUS

Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old fillies.
Penn National, Nov. 27.

		Storm Cat	Storm Bird	
	Giant's Causeway		Terlingua	
		Mariah's Storm	Rahy	
Fed Biz			Immense	
		Wild Again	Icecapade	
	Spunoutacontrol		Bushel-n-Peck	
		Yarn	Mr. Prospector	
Precious, dk.b./br.f., 2017			Narrate	
		Elusive Quality	Gone West	
	Smarty Jones		Touch of Greatness	
		I'll Get Along	Smile	
Brilliant Sunshine			Dont Worry Bout Me	
		Silver Deputy	Deputy Minister	
	Tomorrows Sunshine		Silver Valley	
		Tomorrow's Song	Apalachee	
			Dantina	

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	2	2 (1)	0	0	$84,000 (through Nov. 27)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Penn National, Nov. 27.

Bred by Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd. (Pa.); owned by Newell Thoroughbreds; trained by John C. Servis.

Sire: **FED BIZ,** b., 09, stands at WinStar Farm LLC, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **Brilliant Sunshine**, dk.b./br., 07, bred by Roy V. Chapman Rev. Trust (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 21 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $185,550, 3rd My Juliet S, Just Smashing S.

13 Humility, b.g. by Indygo Shiner. Raced 1 year, 10 starts, 1 win at 3, $27,977.

14 Mercy, ch.f. by Trappe Shot. Raced 3 years, 21 starts, 2 wins at 4, $78,463.

15 Generous Spirit, ch.g. by Run Away and Hide. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 2, 0 wins, $13,290.

16 Barren.

17 **PRECIOUS**, dk.b./br.f. by Fed Biz.

18 dk.b./br.f. by Kantharos.

VAULT

Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, abt. 1 1/16 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 30.

		A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
	Jump Start		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer
		Steady Cat	Storm Cat	Secretariat
Vault, b.f., 2016			Hopespringsforever	Lassie Dear
		French Deputy	Deputy Minister	Storm Bird
	Di's Delight		Mitterand	Terlingua
		Orrefor	Our Native	Mr. Prospector
			Forced to Fly	Hopespringseternal
				Vice Regent
				Mint Copy
				Hold Your Peace
				Laredo Lass
				Exclusive Native
				Our Jackie
				Accipiter
				Captive Audience

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
18	5	1	2	0	$ 34,396
19 (sw)	8	4 (1)	2	1	154,218
	13	5 (1)	4	1	$188,614 (through Nov. 30)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Thirty Eight Go Go S**, abt. 1 1/16 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 30. Set ntr at Penn National—1 mi. and 70 yds. in 1:39.55.

Bred and owned by Barlar LLC (Pa.); trained by T. Bernard Houghton.

Sire: **JUMP START,** dk.b./br., 99 (deceased).

Dam: **Di's Delight**, ch., 00, bred by Asiel Stable L.C. (Ill.). Raced 4 years, 34 starts, 5 wins at 2, 3 and 5, $166,825, 3rd Peach of It H. (Kee Jan 06—$100,000; Kee Nov 11—$55,000 in foal to Zensational; Kee Nov 14—$23,000 in foal to Colonel John)

07 We Will Rock, b.c. by Rock Hard Ten. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, $1,020. (Kee Sept 08—$100,000; OBS June 09—$95,000)

08 Slipped.

09 French Breeze, dk.b./br.f. by Elusive Quality. Raced 3 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, $29,709. (OBS June 11—$220,000) Producer.

10 Upright Stuff, b.g. by Indian Charlie. Raced 5 years, 27 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 5, $64,332. (Kee Sept 11—$100,000)

11 Underprivileged b.g. by Fusaichi Pegasus. Raced 1 year, 1 start, 1 win at 4, $4,200.

12 Party, gr./ro.f. by Zensational. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 4, $62,754.

13 Kelmack, ch.f. by E Dubai. Raced 5 years, 48 starts, 3 wins at 3, $71,730.

14 **Heat Dome**, b.g. by Jump Start. Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, $150,688, 2nd Pennsylvania Nursery S. (Kee Nov 14—$35,000; FTM Oct 15—$35,000)

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15 **MIRTH**, dk.b./br.f. by Colonel John. Raced 3 years, 17 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, $335,563, Rodeo Drive S-G1, 2nd Possibly Perfect S.
16 **VAULT**, b.f. by Jump Start.
18 b.c. by Jump Start.
19 b.c. by Alliance.

West Virginia-bred

ANGLE OF ATTACK

Eleanor Casey Memorial Stakes

$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies. Charles Town, Nov. 30.

	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner	Mr. Prospector
			File
		Danzig's Beauty	Danzig
	Maclean's Music		Sweetest Chant
		Unbridled's Song	Unbridled
	Forest Music		Trolley Song
		Defer West	Gone West
Angle of Attack, dk.b./br.f., 2017			Defer
		Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy
	Colonel John		Cee's Song
		Sweet Damsel	Turkoman
	Bourbon Warfare		Grande Dame
		Lord At War (Arg)	General (Fr)
	Las Malvinas		Luna de Miel
		Sweepings	Mr. Prospector
			Broom Dance

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	3	2 (1)	1	0	$52,040 (through Nov. 30)

2019: 1st $50,000 **Eleanor Casey Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Nov. 30.

Bred and owned by Coleswood Farm Inc. (W.Va.); trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **MACLEAN'S MUSIC,** b., 08, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: BOURBON WARFARE, b., 11, bred by Royal Oak Farm LLC (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 4, $103,260. (Kee Nov 11—$120,000; Kee Nov 16—$35,000 in foal to Maclean's Music)

17 **ANGLE OF ATTACK**, dk.b./br.f. by Maclean's Music.
18 Maritime Response, b.f. by Astrology.
19 b.c. by Congrats.

B'S WILD CORK

My Sister Pearl Stakes

$50,000-added, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Charles Town, Nov. 16.

	Harlan's Holiday	Harlan	Storm Cat
			Country Romance
		Christmas in Aiken	Affirmed
	Denis of Cork		Dowager
		Unbridled	Fappiano
	Unbridled Girl		Gana Facil
		Sound Wisdom	Pirate's Bounty
B's Wild Cork, b.m., 2015			Kaylem Ho
		Wild Again	Icecapade
	Wild Rush		Bushel-n-Peck
		Rose Park	Plugged Nickle
	B's Wild Rush		Hardship
		Wolf Power (SAf)	Flirting Around
	Drivingmissbertie		Pandora
		Girlish Wish	Lyphard's Wish (Fr)
			Fille Du Nord

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	6	1	2 (1)	2	$ 37,675
18	13	4	4 (1)	2	93,545
19 (sw)	8	3 (2)	1 (1)	1	93,190
	27	8 (2)	7 (3)	5	$224,410 (through Nov. 16)

2017: 2nd **Eleanor Casey Memorial S**. **2018:** 2nd **Sylvia Bishop Memorial S**. **2019:** 1st $75,000 **W.Va. Roger Ramey Breeders Classic Distaff S**, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 12; $50,000 **My Sister Pearl S**, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 16; 2nd **Original Gold S**.

Bred and owned by Taylor Mountain Farm (W.Va.); trained by James W. Casey.

Sire: **DENIS OF CORK,** b., 05, stands at Taylor Mountain Farm LLC, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **B'S WILD RUSH**, dk.b./br., 04, bred by Toby Roth (W.Va.). Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, $163,365, W.Va. Division of Tourism Breeders Classic S, Ruth C. Funkhouser S.

12 Barren.
13 Cork's Gold Rush, b.f. by Denis of Cork. Unraced.
14 Barren.
15 **B'S WILD CORK**, b.f. by Denis of Cork.
16 **Rush to the Castle**, dk.b./br.g. by Windsor Castle. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 2 wins at 3, $50,948, 2nd Robert G. Leavitt S, 3rd W.Va. Lottery Breeders Classic S.

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17 B's Wild Man, dk.b./br.g. by Charitable Man. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, $1,150.
18 f. by Windsor Castle.
19 Barren.

PENGUIN POWER

A Huevo Stakes

$50,000-added, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited West Virginia-bred, 3 & up. Charles Town, Nov. 9.

	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	Fappiano
			Gana Facil
		Trolley Song	Caro (Ire)
	Fiber Sonde		Lucky Spell
		Storm Cat	Storm Bird
	Silken Cat		Terlingua
		Silken Doll	Chieftain
Penguin Power, ch.g., 2015			Insilca
		Strawberry Road (Aus)	Whiskey Road
	Robb		Giftisa (NZ)
		Over All	Mr. Prospector
	Aye Robbin		Full Tigress
		Aye's Turn	Best Turn
	Aye Jacoby		Winking Aye
		Traveling Treat	Travelling Music
			Kalindi

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	1	1	0	0	$ 13,560
18	2	1	1	0	18,960
19 (sw)	9	8 (3)	0	1	175,795
	12	10 (3)	1	1	$208,315 (through Nov. 9)

2019: 1st $50,000 **Frank Gall Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 21; $75,000 **WVTBA "Onion Juice" Breeders Classic S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired colts and geldings, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 12; $50,000 **A Huevo S**, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred, 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 9.

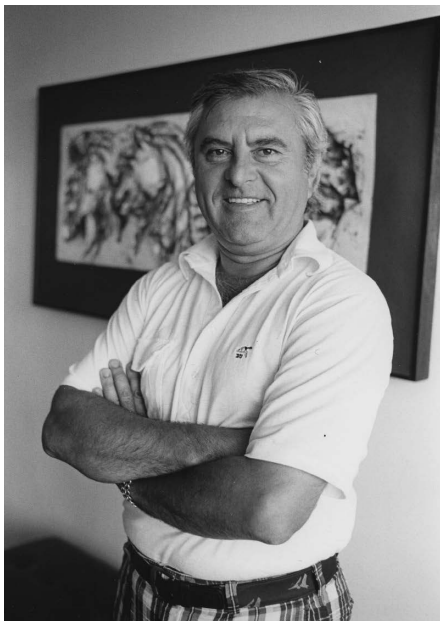
Bred by John D. McKee (W.Va.); owned by David M. Raim; trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **FIBER SONDE,** gr./ro., 05, stands at Beau Ridge Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **Aye Robbin**, dk.b./br., 03, bred by John D. McKee (W.Va.). Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 4, $87,357, 2nd W.Va. Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic S, Golden Gull Chris Brown Memorial S, 3rd Eleanor M. Casey Memorial S.

09 Barren.
10 **Grey Tiger**, gr./ro.g. by Fiber Sonde. Raced 5 years, 35 starts, 4 wins at 2, 3 and 7, $82,935, 2nd Coin Collector S, 3rd Henry Mercer Memorial S.
11 Soaring Robbin, dk.b./br.f. by On Eagles Wings. Unraced.
12 Barren.
13 **AYE A SONG**, dk.b./br.f. by Fiber Sonde. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 5 wins at 2, $172,605, W.Va. Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic S, West Virginia Futurity, Eleanor Casey Memorial S, Rachel's Turn S, 2nd Tri-State Futurity, 3rd Marshua S.
14 Barren.
15 **PENGUIN POWER**, ch.g. by Fiber Sonde.
16 f. by Fiber Sonde. Died 2017.

In Memoriam



SKIP BALL

C. PETER 'BUZZ' BELER

C. Peter "Buzz" Beler, 90, founder and co-owner of the iconic Prime Rib restaurant in Baltimore, Md., and a second Prime Rib on Washington's K Street, and for decades a breeder and owner of racehorses in Maryland, died Oct. 23 in Charlottesville, Va.

While attending McDonogh School in the 1940s the Baltimore native fell in love with horses. He became an attorney in 1954 and purchased his first Thoroughbred in the early 1960s, a yearling filly named Detente, who went on to win seven races. Beler would frequent sales as well as breed his own runners over the decades.

Among Beler's first trainers was John Tammaro, but when he shifted his stable to New York, Beler turned his horses over to Leon Blusiewicz. Known around the track as "Blue," Blusiewicz met the owner before ever thinking of becoming a trainer, and eventually took out his license. Among the horses sent out by Blusiewicz for Beler were such graded stakes winners as top distaff sprinter Skipat, two-time winner of the Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G3, and homebred Spartiatis. His first homebred stakes winner was Heavy Sugar, a daughter of What Luck who won four stakes in 1978-79.

Beler campaigned multiple stakes winner Isella, who eventually went to stud in Maryland, and bred Isella's half-brother Spectacular Love. Beler sold Spectacular Love as a yearling at the 1983 Keeneland July sale for $525,000. The colt went on to win the Grade 1 Futurity Stakes at Belmont and finish eighth in the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 at Hollywood Park.

Beler continued to campaign a small stable, and got his final winner last April, with the Orb colt Orbed in a maiden special weight at Aqueduct for trainer Rudy Rodriguez. Beler had purchased Orbed for $525,000 as a 2-year-old in 2017 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale.

GILL FENWICK

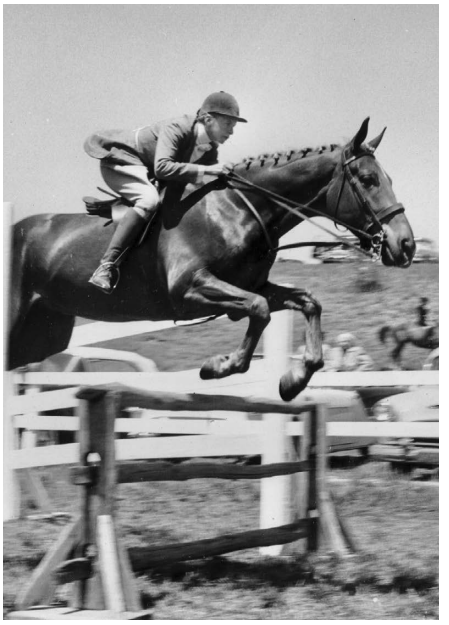
Mary Gillian Crimmins Fenwick, who helped her then husband H. Robertson "Bobby" Fenwick develop Maryland Hunt Cup winners Fluctuate and Jay Trump among others, died Oct. 18 at age 93. The Monkton, Md., resident was born in England, raised in Ireland and came to the United States in 1939 just as World War II was about to start.

She attended Greenwood School in Maryland and later Radcliffe College, now Harvard University, and was a regular with the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club and the Green Spring Valley Hounds.

"Gill taught me horsemanship as a kid. She gave me my first pair of riding leggings," her nephew, Bruce Fenwick, told the *Baltimore Sun* for an obituary written by Jacques Kelly. "She herself was a beautiful rider who could make a horse do anything. Gill was also a great entertainer."

She was a member of the Mount Vernon Club and a longtime supporter of the Ladew Topiary Gardens. She traveled in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and lived for a time in Hawaii.

Survivors include daughters Chance Fenwick Earle, Elizabeth Fleming Fenwick and Carol Crimmins Fenwick; son Martin Stewart Fenwick; brother William Crimmins; two grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.



HUGH HURST

Hugh "Doc" Hastings Hurst, of Willow Creek Farm in Glen Arm, Md., died Nov. 7 at age 73. Hurst was a veteran bartender, actually he was lauded as "Baltimore's Best Bartender" including a stint at Johnny Unitas' Golden Arm restaurant in Timonium.

Hurst and his wife Sallyellen, office manager at Country Life Farm, bred and raised Thoroughbreds on their small farm and had recent success with Saratoga winner and Grade 1-placed Brucia La Terra, the Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly of 2018. The daughter of El Padrino and the Hursts' mare Happy Refrain sold for $20,000 as a yearling and competed for owner William Ferrone and trainer Barclay Tagg.

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ART STAUFFER

Arthur Frederick Stauffer Sr., a resident of Smyrna, Del., for 30 years, died in early October. The Delaware Park-based trainer was 89.

Born in Spring City, Pa., Stauffer owned and ran a successful construction company for many years, specializing in building horse barns. He had owned and raced Thoroughbreds before becoming a licensed trainer in 1972. Well known and respected by the racing crowd at Delaware Park and many other tracks in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey, he was still active as an owner and trainer at the time of his death. The last horse to run in his name, Beachtreasuregirl, was also his last winner, taking a maiden claimer at Delaware Park on Oct. 5. Going back to 1981, he trained the winners of 275 races, for earnings of nearly $3 million. The best of his runners were $100,000-plus earners Dell Reef and Sweet Tandy.

Bessie Gruwell, executive director of the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, posted on her Facebook page after his passing: "He had complications from a knee replacement, but he was at the track almost every day until the end. He always stopped by the horsemen's office every morning for a cup of coffee, story telling and loved 'stirring the pot'."

Horsemen's Health System leads the way on new safety initiative

BY TOM LAMARRA

The Maryland Horsemen's Health System, a partnership of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Jockey Club, has been a valuable resource for those employed in the care of horses—and also their families—at the state's Thoroughbred racetracks through the program's free medical services. It has been credited throughout the racing industry as a model program, and recently launched an initiative with national implications.

MedStar Health, which staffs the Horsemen's Health System, and the MTHA in early December announced a partnership with software company HeadCheck Health to launch an industry-specific electronic injury-tracking system with a focus on optimizing concussion safety and care at racetracks.

To improve the level of care jockeys receive, the MedStar Sports Medicine team used its experience with professional sports teams to develop and implement a sport-specific concussion protocol and return-to-ride protocol for any jockey who sustains a suspected concussion. The MedStar sports physicians at Maryland tracks are on hand each racing day and also provide health services for riders.

HeadCheck Health created an electronic injury-tracking system focused on addressing the unique challenges of implementing and mandating concussion protocols at racetracks. A secure HIPAA-compliant system is designed to allow for clear and immediate communication of suspected injuries and rider status to help ensure that all riders receive appropriate care before returning to ride.

The system was approved by all parties the week of Thanksgiving and is now in use in Maryland. Dr. Kelly Ryan, a MedStar physician who staffs the Horsemen's Health System at Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and the Maryland State Fair at Timonium along with four other sports medicine physicians, led the effort along with retired jockey Robert Colton, who serves as director of the Delaware Jockeys Association.

"We're now working on getting jockeys into the system," Ryan said. "The important thing about this system is it was created by medical professionals who have been leaders in the sports medicine world and the racing industry. The system will be integral in advancing the safety protocols in this sport like other professional and college sports."

Jockey-related safety protocols and data collection are part of the Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities. Ryan said Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races has expressed interested in the HeadCheck Health System, and Delaware Park, which worked with Maryland to develop concussion protocol, will employ the system when it reopens for live racing in the spring of 2020.

The Delaware Jockeys' Health and Welfare Benefit Board has a multi-year agreement with Premier Physical Therapy and Sports Performance to provide a certified athletic trainer for riders on racing days. The personnel is trained in concussion protocols.

"We don't want to have a system that's not going to work, so we're starting in Maryland on a trial-and-error basis," Ryan said. "MedStar is closely affiliated with Laurel, so it makes sense to start here [during the winter meet]. We share riders with Delaware and Charles Town, and at Charles Town we'll be able test this program against racetracks that don't have the same resources we have in Maryland.

"Implementing this has been more difficult than we thought because there is no centralized [information] system. We'll be trying to help other racetracks as we move forward, but it's important to note this requires on-the-ground clinical management. We work at the racetrack and see the jockeys every day."

In the case of a suspected concussion, racetrack staff can now report the incidents and collect important information to help medical professionals make more evidence-informed decisions. Racetracks will have high-level access to monitor the progress of each injured rider and the system can be effectively adapted to the specific resources of each racetrack.

The HeadCheck Health app will allow for organized collection of data and greatly improve communication among jurisdictions, said Eric VanderHelm, project lead for HeadCheck Health.

"We are very excited to be working with some of the most experienced and knowledgeable minds in the industry to develop a system specific to horse racing," VanderHelm said. "We will continue to quickly iterate and update the system based on feedback and data analysis to make sure riders can receive the care they deserve."

HeadCheck Health has agreements with organizations such as the Canadian Football League, Trek Factory Racing, the Canadian Junior Hockey League, Eastern Washington University, and Volleyball Canada to improve communication, advance athlete recovery, and to optimize care through its recordkeeping program.

For horse racing, the program operates with multiple access levels—jockeys, the clerk of scales, EMS providers, athletic trainers, medical directors and physicians, and the administrators of the program—depending on their need for various information. It can provide real-time injury, incident and accident reporting for racing regulators and medical staff with the ability to remove and return jockeys to riding; monitor jockey injury and recovery; offer educational materials on concussion; and assist jockeys in managing their physical, medical clearance and policy consent forms. ✹

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Golden Lad juveniles shine in year-end MD Fund stakes

The $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Futurity and Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship showcased state-bred or -sired 2-year-olds but also provided a canvas for breeder Ellen Charles of Hillwood Stable, sire Golden Lad and jockey Sheldon Russell as they swept the two 7-furlong races on the Maryland Spectacular Day program run Dec. 7 at Laurel.

Russell and wife Brittany, trainer of Maryland Million Lassie winner Hello Beautiful, added another memory for the front of the refrigerator as their budding star made light work of the Juvenile Filly Championship. The dark bay went straight for the lead and coasted through fractions of :22.49 and :45.34 while chased by Lassie runner-up Sticking-together and Miss J McKay. The margin increased at every call and she eased under the wire in 1:22.43 as the 3-2 favorite in a field of eight. Miss J McKay was a distant second, ahead of 60-1 long shot Naughty Thoughts.

"She's really straightforward. We really didn't have to do any extra training," Brittany Russell said. "She's easy. She does everything herself. We just stay out of her way."

Hello Beautiful, by two-time Grade 3 winner Golden Lad, came into the race with two wins, two seconds and a

Jim McCue (2)

Golden Lad first-crop runners Hello Beautiful (top) and Laddie Liam dominated the juvenile stakes at Laurel in December.

third in five starts (all at 6 furlongs or shorter).

"Coming out of that last race, she couldn't have come out any better," Sheldon Russell said. "I know today we were going an extra furlong, but Brittany and Hello Beautiful's exercise rider, Jen, were teaching her to relax and to keep her speed for the end. She came out of that race great and she showed up today. We're very, very happy."

Joe Besecker's Laddie Liam broke running and never looked back, turning away Stone Courageous in the stretch and continuing on for a 4½-length triumph in the Futurity. Madaket Stables, Mark Frasetto, Mark Parkinson, K-Mac Stables and Magic City Stables' Hello Beautiful, stretched out another furlong after her first stakes triumph, proved the distance to be no obstacle with an 11¾-length romp in the filly race.

Trained by Hugh McMahon, Laddie Liam had not shown speed in any of his previous four starts, two of them wins, including a 1-mile allowance Nov. 14 at Laurel in his previous start. He found himself in front a few strides out of the gate, through a quarter-mile in :23.01 and a half in :46.44.

He maintained the advantage at the top of the stretch as Stone Courageous – second in the Maryland Million Nursery, ahead of Laddie Liam, Oct. 19 – launched a bid on the outside but was repelled before settling for second, a half-length ahead of Tommy Shelby.

"Our whole barn is like a big family, so it's awesome for us," assistant trainer Alex Horn said. "He's a little full of himself, but he's just great to be around because he can run like that."

Besecker spent $14,500 to buy the bay colt from Hillwood (via agent Dark Hollow Farm) at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December mixed sale in 2018. He was the sales topper at most recent December as part of the Besecker dispersal, going to DJ Stable for $450,000. He will be trained by Belmont Park-based Gary Contessa.

Third time was the charm for Lewisfield in the Bender Memorial after a second and third in two previous attempts.

Great Notion's streaking daughter Anna's Bandit recorded her seventh stakes win of 2019, and ninth win of the year, in the Politely.

Lewisfield adds the Bender

Linda Zang's multiple stakes-winning homebred Lewisfield, wheeled back 10 days after a troubled trip at Penn National, returned to his winning ways over his favorite track with a front-running score in the $75,000 Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial at Laurel Park on the Maryland Spectacular Day program Dec. 7.

Ridden by Horacio Karamanos for trainer Jeff Runco, Lewisfield earned his eighth win from 23 starts. The latest gave him scores in half his 14 starts on Laurel's main track.

Lewisfield completed 6 furlongs in 1:09.97 to spoil the return of Grade 2 winner and 2018 Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old and champion sprinter Still Having Fun, racing for the first time since May 4, and three-time 2019 3-year-old stakes-winning Alwaysmining, making his first start since mid-July. Still Having Fun rallied up the rail to be second by a neck. Clubman was third by a neck, and it was another neck back to 4-5 favorite Taco Supream – who beat Lewisfield in the Maryland Million Sprint Oct. 19. Alwaysmining wound up fifth, beaten 2 lengths. The Bender starters, with 48 wins and combined earnings of $2,463,450 coming in, would not have looked out of place in a graded stakes. And they put on a show.

Lewisfield outran Oldies But Goodies and Alwaysmining and took the field through fractions of :22.90 and :46.23. The race was still wide open at the eighth pole, with Lewisfield holding a slim lead and Still Having Fun and Clubman bearing down on the inside and Taco Supream rallying on the outside.

Lewisfield has won four stakes, all at Laurel, and ran third in the Maryland Sprint-G3 at Pimlico Race Course in 2018 and 2019. Third in the 2018 Bender, he entered this year's race having run sixth in the 6-furlong Fabulous Strike Nov. 27.

"The horse had a tough trip up there. He got in trouble down the backside and really was out of the race right away. He didn't get much out of it, but it didn't hurt him any and he came out of the race great, bucking and squealing," Runco said. "It's hard to pass up a Maryland-bred race when the horse came out as well as he did."

Lewisfield carries the name of owner/breeder Zang's late husband Jim Lewis. Their Lewisfield Farm bred and raced much of the now 6-year-old's female family. Dam Smart Crowd and her dam Ten's Testamony raced for Lewis, who died in 2012. Lewisfield is one of five foals (three winners) by Great Notion from the Crowd Pleaser mare Smart Crowd.

Anna's Bandit wins again

No Guts No Glory Farm's Anna's Bandit, trapped on the rail at the head of the lane, slipped between horses in mid-stretch and sprinted to her sixth consecutive victory in the Politely.

It was the 16th victory and 10th in a stakes for the now 6-year-old West Virginia-bred, pushing her past $700,000 in lifetime earnings from 32

starts. The winning time for 6 furlongs was 1:10.38.

"Since we hooked up we've been running in some nice races and knocking off some nice races," regular rider Xavier Perez said. Perez has been aboard Anna's Bandit for 27 consecutive races and 14 of her wins. "She's special because I spend a lot of time with her in the morning. She's just like a pony. We go out there and sit at the gap and then when it's time to go train, she does her business. She's lovely to be around. She's just taken me on a nice journey."

Las Setas, making her first start since mid-May, was eager for the early lead and held it through a quarter-mile in :23.03, pressed to her outside by Majestic Reason. Anna's Bandit settled in third and launched her bid for the front after a half in :46.31.

Perez stayed patient as Phantom Shot took over from Las Setas once straightened for home, and Anna's Bandit split those two inside the eighth pole before drawing away as Perez emphatically pointed to his mare approaching the wire. It was a length back to Majestic Reason in second, followed by Three Hawk.

Anna's Bandit joined Heavens Whisper and Phonemyposseagain as the only North American-based nine-time winners in 2019 (through Dec. 9). ❧

Laddie Liam

Maryland Juvenile Futurity
$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

B.c.., 2017, by Golden Lad—Buffgirl, by Quiet American. Bred by Hillwood Stables LLC; owned by Joseph E. Besecker; trained by Hugh I. McMahon. Foaled Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

		Lifetime			
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*	
5	3 (1)	0	2 (1)	$128,556	(through Dec. 7)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Futurity**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 7; 3rd **Maryland Million Nursery S**.

Hello Beautiful

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes
$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

Dk.b./br.f., 2017, by Golden Lad—Hello Now, by Tiznow. Bred by Hillwood Stables LCC; owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Mark Frasetto, Mark Parkinson, K-mac Stables and Magic City Stables; trained by Brittany Russell. Foaled Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

		Lifetime			
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*	
6	3 (2)	2	1	$166,558	(through Dec. 7)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Million Lassie S**, 6 fur., 2-year-old fillies, Md.-bred or sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 19; $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 7.

Lewisfield

Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

B.g., 2014, by Great Notion—Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. Bred and owned by Linda L. Zang; trained by Jeff C. Runco. Foaled at Willowdale Farm, Butler, Md.

		Lifetime			
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*	
23	8 (4)	5 (5)	6 (5)	$486,617	(through Dec. 7)

2017: 2nd **Howard M. Bender Memorial S**. **2018:** 1st $75,000 **Not For Love S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17; $100,000 **Maryland Million Sprint H**, 6 fur., 3 & up sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 20; 2nd **Polynesian S**, **Mr. Prospector S**; 3rd **Maryland Sprint S-G3**, **Fabulous Strike S**, **Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S**. **2019:** 1st $75,000 **Not For Love S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 4 & up, Laurel, March 16; $75,000 **Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 7; 2nd **Frank Whiteley Jr. S**, **Chesapeake S**; 3rd **Maryland Sprint S-G3**, **Maryland Million Sprint H**.

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Maryland Stallion Showcase

Millionaires Imagining (above, with Anchor and Hope Farm's Louis Merryman) and Wasabi Ventures Stallions' Force the Pass (shown by Nicole Martin) survey the crowd at the Laurel Park paddock. Other representatives on hand to discuss their stallions were (right, top to bottom) owner Larry Johnson (Street Magician), Mike Pons (Country Life Farm) and Paul O'Loughlin (Northview Stallion Station).

Sara Gordon (5)

Laurel Park hosted a Maryland Stallion Showcase on the morning of Nov. 30, featuring appearances by Anchor and Hope Farm's Imagining and Wasabi Ventures Stallions' Force the Pass, who will stand at Anchor and Hope in 2020.

Representatives from Northview Stallion Station, Country Life Farm, Bonita Farm, Shamrock Farm, Murmur Farm and Legacy Farm Stallions were on hand in the Laurel Park paddock to speak about their 2020 rosters and answer questions.

The event attracted dozens of people, and MJC racing secretary Chris Merz was pleased with the turnout. "I think it went off really well for the first time we've done it. It was great getting two stallions, and everything went really smooth.

"Looking around that day you saw a lot of trainers, as well as owners–I thought it was a positive thing not only for the stallion guys but for the racetrack."

Farms provided material, and with the assistance of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's Jordyn Egan, International Sound helped set up video presentations that were shown on the track's in-house televisions. The farms were given designated times throughout the morning to talk about their stallions. A complimentary luncheon in the clubhouse followed and allowed attendees to discuss business with stallion representatives.

"It's something we can build upon for the future," added Merz. "Overall it was a great event. The stallion guys got a lot of publicity online which was very good. We look to make it better for next year."

Purely Hot hits seven figures at Keeneland November sale

Graded stakes winner and Grade 1 producer Purely Hot was the highest-priced Maryland-bred to sell at Keeneland's November breeding stock sale, Nov. 6-17 in Lexington, Ky. Of 22 Maryland-breds sold, six brought six figures or more.

Selling for $1.2 million, Purely Hot, in foal to classic winner Union Rags, was purchased by Hugo Merry Bloodstock from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, the now 12-year-old daughter of Pure Prize out of the Kissin Kris mare Wood Not won 12 of her 32 starts, including a win in the 2014 Whimsical Stakes-G3 at Woodbine and a second to champion Groupie Doll in the 2013 Presque Isle Downs Masters-G2. Purely Hot's two starters from her first two foals of racing age include the Empire Maker colt Eight Rings, a Grade 1 winner last year at 2 when taking the American Pharoah Stakes at Santa Anita and one of the favorites in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1.

Purely Hot was one of 14 to sell for more than $1 million during the sale.

Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company for $500,000 was a weanling colt by leading sire Kitten's Joy out of the graded stakes-producing mare Uniformly Yours. Bred by George Doetsch Jr. and consigned by Nursery Place, the colt is a half-brother to multiple stakes winner Enchanted Ghost, who sold for $335,000 as a racing or broodmare prospect at Fasig-Tipton's November sale last fall, and Selflessly, winner of her second career start in the Miss Grillo Stakes-G2 last September and fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1. Uniformly Yours, a daughter of Grand Slam out of the Sadler's Wells mare Faux Pas (Ire), is also the dam of a $100,000 Honor Code filly sold at last year's Keeneland September yearling sale.

The Kitten's Joy's colt was the most expensive weanling by his sire sold at public auction in 2019. Uniformly Yours was bred back to Kitten's Joy for 2020.

Inventive, bred to City of Light, sold for $380,000 to Baccari Bloodstock. The multiple stakes-placed daughter of Dixie Union and the Storm Cat mare Original is the dam of Del Mar Futurity-G1 winner Klimt and graded stakes-placed West Coast Chick (who also sold at the November sale, bringing $400,000). Bred and raced by Robert Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh LLC, Inventive is from the family of Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Concern and his graded stakes-winning sister Tennis Lady, her second dam. She was consigned by Hunter Valley Farm.

Madaket Stables, Elayne Stables and Brian Martin's stakes-winning Another Broad, consigned as a racing or broodmare prospect by Elite, sold for $340,000 to Farfellow Farms. Another Broad launched her career for breeder Fitzhugh in June 2018, broke her maiden and captured two allowances and finished second by a neck in the Geisha Stakes at Laurel Park. Purchased privately after that effort, she went on to win Aqueduct's Top Flight Invitational and just days before heading to Keeneland was second in the Turnback the Alarm Handicap-G3 at Aqueduct.

By Meyerhoff-bred Include, Another Broad descends from a long list of stakes performers bred by Meyerhoff from the stakes-winning, Grade 1-placed Silent Screen mare Dynamic Star, dam of Meyerhoff-bred graded stakes winners Stellar Brush and Star Minister, as well as Another Broad's dam Dynamic Deputy, a stakes-winning daughter of Deputy Minister who finished second in the Delaware Handicap-G2. Another Broad is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner and $430,205-earner Dynamic Strike.

Sold for $170,000 in foal to City of Light, Dream was consigned by Dark Hollow Farm and purchased by Yeguada Centurion. The graded stakes-placed daughter of Malibu Moon has produced seven foals, five of racing age, and three winners from as many starters. Caught Dream'n, her 2015 daughter by Blame, finished second in the 2017 Smart Halo Stakes, third in the 2018 Miss Disco Stakes and was on the board in six of seven starts.

A weanling bay colt by Speightstown out of the Bernardini mare Walking Path sold for $150,000 to Rascal Bloodstock. From the consignment of Ashview Farm (Bryan Lyster and Gray Lyster), the colt was bred by Gatewood Bell, Hunter Rankin and Gray Lyster. Walking Path's only starter from three foals of racing age is stakes winner Mister Nofty. The colt is from the family of Grade 1 winner Blushing K. D.

Maryland-breds averaged $143,555, in comparison to the overall sale average of $75,043, and the median price was $30,500, in comparison to the sale's median of $25,000.

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Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

Stephen's Answer triumphant in Delta Mile

Empire Racing Stables' Stephen's Answer went straight to the front and held on at the finish to win Delta Downs' $100,000 Delta Mile Stakes by a neck Nov. 16.

The son of Stephen Got Even was making his 39th start, and at age 6, his first in a stakes. Setting all the fractions, he was challenged by Late Nite Mischief around the far turn and was all out to hold off Extirpator in the 1 mile test, which he finished in 1:40.51.

Stephen's Answer didn't race at 2 or 3, and took five tries to get his first win at 4, which came over the synthetic surface at Presque Isle Downs in September 2017. He had a busy season in 2018, and won or placed in 11 of 17 starts; through 11 months in 2019 he went to the post 14 times, recording six of his nine lifetime wins. His current connections claimed him for $7,500 out of a turf race at Canterbury Park Aug. 30. He's won all three starts since, all at Delta Downs on the main track.

Leading up to his stakes debut were two 7-furlong allowance races won in gate-to-wire fashion: by 7¾ lengths Oct. 10, and 5 lengths Oct. 25. His stakes win pushed his lifetime earnings to $203,077.

Wayne and Juanita Morris bred Stephen's Answer, along with his dam Answer by Daylight, a daughter of Seeking Daylight and stakes-placed Leading Question (by Polish Numbers), the latter a full-sister to stakes winner Polish Vision and half-sister to graded winner Dr. Brendler. Answer by Daylight produced two named foals, Stephen's Answer and his winning full-sister Get Up She's Gone. ❧

Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
October 1 to October 31, 2019

Breeder bonuses

Linda Albert and Thomas Baldwin—KOSHER KONTRACT: Oct. 12, 10th race $3,078.

All Aboard Stables—REIN SUPREME: Oct. 14, 9th race, $726.

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—OLIVE'S BUMPA: Oct. 14, 4th race, $1,089. PORT LOUIS: Oct. 19, 5th race, $4,125. ($5,214)

AS Rennklub LLC—ALADDIN SANE: Oct. 14, 10th race $3,762.

Robert Atkinson and Mary Atkinson—ORTINOLA: Oct. 5, 9th race, $594.

John Banner and Cheri Banner—MY SISTER-SLEDGE: Oct. 19, 6th race, $3,000.

Barak Farm—BLAME THE KIDS: Oct. 20, 3rd race, $3,933. LECTRIC CHOKE: Oct. 5, 3rd race, $1,386. ($5,319)

Estate of Earl Barnhart—SOMEKINDOFMAGICIAN: Oct. 4, 4th race, $1,827; Oct. 19, 8th race, $3,000. ($4,827)

David Baxter—FREE TO TRUMP: Oct. 6, 2nd race, $1,155.

Patricia and Richard Beck—PHANTOM SHOT: Oct. 4, 3rd race, $2,835.

James A. Blackwell—TOM HAGEN: Oct. 18, 7th race, $2,646.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—RISING PERRY: Oct. 19, 12th race $6,840.

Bonita Farm—TO BE OR NOT TO BE: Oct. 12, 2nd race, $924.

Mary B. Boskin—BROOKS ROBINSON: Oct. 11, 2nd race, $4,788.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—MY QUEEN MICHELLE: Oct. 11, 5th race, $2,646. TOM TERRIFIC: Oct. 31, 1st race, $594. WORSTBESTIDEAEVER: Oct. 19, 7th race, $1,500. ($4,740)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Adena Springs—MICE AND MEN: Oct. 11, 2nd race, $1,764; Oct. 18, 3rd race, $4,788. ($6,552)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Brooke Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—BY THE SEY SHORE: Oct. 11, 6th race, $892.50.

Dr. and Mrs Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis—CLUBMAN: Oct. 31, 5th race, $9,405.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—SOMETHING MAGICAL: Oct. 6, 4th race, $1,485.

James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis—JUMP JIVE AN WAIL: Oct. 6, 3rd race, $1,386. PEARL GEM: Oct. 5, 6th race, $957. ($2,343)

Clover Hill Farm Inc.—ONCE IN A LIFETIME: Oct. 17, 8th race, $4,617.

Randy L. Cohen and Alyse L. Cohen—STAND MY GROUND: Oct. 19, 12th race $2,520.

Country Life Farm—TAPPAHANNOCK: Oct. 13, 4th race, $1,386. VEE'S SUPER STAR: Oct. 13, 8th race, $2,079. ($3,465)

Country Life Farm and Fleet and Fancy LLC—FORFIFTYFIVEROCKET: Oct. 5, 8th race, $1,953.

Country Life Farm and Miss Moonshine LLC—TWIRLING WIND: Oct. 5, 4th race, $5,643.

Crystal Park Stables Inc.—CAROLINA ICE: Oct. 31, 8th race, $957.

Mike Dalton LLC—CONJECTURE: Oct. 19, 3rd race, $3,000.

Dark Hollow Farm—ELLANATION: Oct. 3, 5th race, $1,155. SOUTHSIDE WARRIOR: Oct. 12, 6th race, $561. TOY: Oct. 14, 7th race, $1,089. ($2,805)

Donald K. Dean—ESTERINA: Oct. 19, 11th race $1,500.

D Hatman Thoroughbreds—AUDACIOUS QUALITY: Oct. 13, 9th race, $1,701. ELEVATED FOREVER: Oct. 13, 4th race, $726. ($2,427)

Dr. Morgan Dove and Karin Wurttemberger—HALFINTHEWRAPPER: Oct. 4, 8th race, $4,617.

Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—BAPTIZE THE BOY: Oct. 11, 2nd race, $924.

The Elkstone Group LLC—HIGHER PURPOSE: Oct. 14, 2nd race, $945. PRETTY GOOD YEAR: Oct. 19, 8th race, $1,500. QUALITY MATTERS: Oct. 17, 9th race, $2,565. ROOF TOP BAR: Oct. 3, 9th race, $2,079. TORCH OF TRUTH: Oct. 6, 2nd race, $2,205. ($9,294)

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—CRUSH IT: Oct. 19, 5th race, $750.

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—VOODOO VALLEY: Oct. 11, 9th race, $3,078.

Christopher J. Feifarek—OUR STAR: Oct. 11, 1st race, $3,762.

Finn's Nickel LLC and Copper Penny Stables—COME ON CALLIE: Oct. 18, 10th race $945.

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—FANCY OUTFLANKER: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $945.

Fitzhugh LLC—LOOKIN DYNAMIC: Oct. 11, 7th race, $6,840.

Paul L. Fowler Jr.—TAPPIN CAT: Oct. 19, 10th race $1,500.

Cary Frommer—ZIG: Oct. 12, 7th race, $2,079.

John Gardiner and Frank McEntee—BUBBA SEVENTY SIX: Oct. 5, 3rd race, $726.

Robert Gerczak—ARBUTUS: Oct. 17, 1st race, $1,386. CATONSVILLE: Oct. 31, 1st race, $3,078. UMIGHTBEANEMPRESS: Oct. 20, 8th race, $3,762. ($8,226)

Glenangus Farm LLC—ANOTHER WHIM: Oct. 20, 9th race, $3,078. EIFS: Oct. 3, 5th race, $5,985. ($9,063)

William R. Gotwals—POLISHED GAL: Oct. 5, 1st race, $1,449.

Dan Green—HERE COMES MONGO: Oct. 14, 10th race $726; Oct. 31, 2nd race, $3,762. ($4,488)

GreenMount Farm—SUNDAY RED: Oct. 11, 10th race $3,762.

David Hartman—JAMMER: Oct. 5, 5th race, $7,695.

Theresa Rae Haupt—TALENTED DR. B: Oct. 11, 9th race, $1,134.

Beverly L. Heckrotte—KITTY ZIP: Oct. 5, 10th race $4,617.

Hickory Ridge Farm—CAREY TIMES: Oct. 14, 7th race, $2,079. RIP RAP RILEY: Oct. 11, 8th race, $3,249. ($5,328)

Hillwood Stables LLC—BUNTING: Oct. 11, 5th race, $7,182. HELLO BEAUTIFUL: Oct. 19, 7th race, $8,250. LADDIE LIAM: Oct. 19, 2nd race, $1,500. ($16,932)

Michael and Debbie Horning—JUMPSTARTMYHEART: Oct. 19, 1st race, $900. MIKE THE TIGER: Oct. 11, 9th race, $594. ($1,494)

Hamilton Smith, Fred A. Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—THE POSER: Oct. 3, 9th race, $5,643.

Joanna Ingham Trust—I'VE GOTTA PLAN: Oct. 3, 8th race, $1,386; Oct. 18, 1st race, $726. ($2,112)

Ann Biggs Jackson—ARTFUL SPLATTER: Oct. 31, 8th race, $4,959. TACO SUPREAM: Oct. 19, 9th race, $8,250. ($13,209)

Jellicoe Creek LLC—GALLANOR: Oct. 20, 8th race, $726.

R. Larry Johnson—BRING IT ON HOME: Oct. 5, 7th race, $1,323. DAY THE MUSIC DIED: Oct. 3, 2nd race, $3,762. ROAD TO OZ: Oct. 17, 9th race, $495. SKY MAGICIAN: Oct. 11, 6th race, $5,985. STREET COPPER: Oct. 3, 4th race, $7,695. XMASINTHECITY: Oct. 6, 1st race, $6,840. YOU CAN NEVER TELL: Oct. 18, 1st race, $3,762. YOU MADE IT: Oct. 5, 1st race, $3,933. ($33,795)

R. Larry Johnson and Legacy Farm—GONE HOME: Oct. 17, 8th race, $1,701.

Hope H. Jones—VALLE LUNA: Oct. 14, 4th race, $2,079.

Harry Kassap LLC—SEVILLE BARBER: Oct. 12, 2nd race, $4,788.

Lady Olivia at North Cliff, LLC—LADY FOX: Oct. 13, 7th race, $2,079.

Jennifer Lynn Lunceford and Echo Valley Farm—KICKSTARTMYHEART: Oct. 12, 7th race, $1,089; Oct. 31, 4th race, $1,089. ($2,178)

Robert T. Manfuso—DAILY NEWS: Oct. 14, 6th race, $1,890.

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—JUMPING MICHELLE: Oct. 12, 3rd race, $1,764. MCELMORE AVENUE: Oct. 20, 1st race, $5,643. NO MORE TALK: Oct. 19, 4th race, $900. ($8,307)

Marathon Farms Inc.—GRECIAN DANCER: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $945. MAYBE AN OMEN: Oct. 14, 5th race, $7,182. SUPER E: Oct. 6, 6th race, $2,079. ($10,206)

J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—JOSEPH: Oct. 11, 6th race, $892.50.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—FANNIEBELLEFLEMING: Oct. 20, 7th race, $1,197.

Maryland Mare Venture LLC—NAUGHTY THOUGHTS: Oct. 6, 7th race, $1,953.

Charles C.D. McGill—ATLANTIC AVENUE: Oct. 12, 9th race, $759. JUNIOR SENATOR: Oct. 11, 3rd race, $891. ($1,650)

Mezza Luna Farm LLC—MAGICAL LUNA: Oct. 14, 1st race, $1,701; Oct. 31, 10th race $4,617. ($6,318)

Donna M. Miller—THE GREAT PROVIDER: Oct. 5, 2nd race, $3,078.

Leslie Mills—SON OF APONI: Oct. 19, 4th race, $1,800.

Kevin P. Morgan—MR. D'ANGELO: Oct. 19, 8th race, $8,250. YESTERDAYSPLAN: Oct. 19, 11th race $4,125. ($12,375)

Wayne L. Morris and Juanita Morris—BROKER'S REWARD: Oct. 3, 1st race, $3,933.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—BOWSPRIT: Oct. 19, 4th race, $4,950. WISE MEN: Oct. 31, 2nd race, $726. ($5,676)

Nancy Lee Farms—SING A VERSE: Oct. 31, 1st race, $1,134.

Steven T. Newby—ZORALLY: Oct. 4, 3rd race, $7,695.

Clarke Ohrstrom—HELENA BEAT: Oct. 12, 8th race, $891.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—BETHABARA: Oct. 5, 4th race, $1,089.

Mr. and Mrs. A. John Price—SMOKIN CARAQUENA: Oct. 19, 1st race, $4,950.

Vivian E. Rall—EPIC IDEA: Oct. 3, 5th race, $2,205.

R C Park Racing Stable Inc.—CAPTAIN TRIPS: Oct. 17, 7th race, $495. MAJORIE MUGS: Oct. 18, 10th race $495. ($990)

Timothy J. Rooney—BALLIVOR: Oct. 20, 4th race, $2,835. BELMULLET: Oct. 12, 4th race, $3,762. ($6,597)

Sagamore Farm LLC—BRING ME ANSWERS: Oct. 19, 11th race $750. DROPS AND BUCKETS: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $495. HARPERS FIRST RIDE: Oct. 6, 2nd race, $5,985. START WITH YES: Oct. 13, 8th race, $1,089. ($8,319)

Shamrock Farm—LETMESLIDEBYYOU: Oct. 6, 8th race, $1,071.

Skeedattle Associates—MY T TALK: Oct. 3, 10th race $1,197; Oct. 31, 3rd race, $2,565. ($3,762)

Smith Farm and Stable—EL ROJO: Oct. 12, 10th race $1,134.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Smith—FIVE STAR PERFECT: Oct. 5, 3rd race, $3,762. STONE COURAGEOUS: Oct. 19, 2nd race, $3,000. ($6,762)

Spendthrift Farm LLC—BARAVELLI: Oct. 17, 7th race, $945. PATAZ: Oct. 18, 2nd race, $3,078. TOWSON: Oct. 18, 10th race $2,565. TOWSON: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $495. ($7,083)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—MARYLAND MO: Oct. 3, 9th race, $1,089. PREVAIL UPON: Oct. 20, 1st race, $1,089. SIR BACK IN BLACK: Oct. 14, 7th race, $5,643. SPICY MEATBALL: Oct. 3, 8th race, $3,762. STICKINGTOGETHER: Oct. 19, 7th race, $3,000. VICTORY RALLY: Oct. 17, 5th race, $2,835. ($17,418)

Thornmar Farm LLC—CARROT CAKE: Oct. 11, 10th race $726. DETERMINED MISSION: Oct. 13, 2nd race, $495. YES MEANS NO: Oct. 14, 10th race $1,386. ($2,607)

Donna Tullner and Stephen Glessner—BOURBON STREAK: Oct. 19, 12th race $1,320.

Two Legends Farm—SPARTY: Oct. 19, 5th race, $1,500.

Two Legends Farm and Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds—GHOUL'S NIGHT OUT: Oct. 19, 6th race, $1,500. LOVE'S LEGEND: Oct. 3, 7th race, $957. ($2,457)

Walter Vieser II—DAPPER MUN: Oct. 3, 2nd race, $726.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr.—DESHACKLED: Oct. 6, 6th race, $1,089.

John E. Williamson III—OURNATIONONPARADE: Oct. 19, 2nd race, $8,250.

Ned Williams and Mike Mattese—SAGAMORE MISCHIEF: Oct. 3, 6th race, $2,520.

Willow Oaks Stable—ABSOLVED: Oct. 6, 3rd race, $2,646. ZONDA: Oct. 19, 6th race, $8,250. ($10,896)

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CLARE'S DOWERY: Oct. 19, 1st race, $1,800. GRACE ISABELLA: Oct. 18, 4th race, $7,182. POWER BACK: Oct. 12, 4th race, $1,386. ($10,368)

Linda Zang—LEWISFIELD: Oct. 19, 9th race, $1,500.

Stallion bonuses

BALTIMORE BOB (Arbutus: Oct. 17, 1st race, $462): Robert Gerczak.

BANDBOX (Artful Splatter: Oct. 31, 8th race, $1,653. Baptize the Boy: Oct. 11, 2nd race, $308. Bunting: Oct. 11, 5th race, $2,394. The Poser: Oct. 3, 9th race, $1,881): Bandbox Syndicate—$6,236.

BOURBON COURAGE (Olive's Bumpa: Oct. 14, 4th race, $363. Stone Courageous: Oct. 19, 2nd race, $1,000. Worstbestideaever: Oct. 19, 7th race, $500): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$1,863.

CAL NATION (Ournationonparade: Oct. 19, 2nd race, $2,750): Cal Nation Syndicate.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Captain Trips: Oct. 17, 7th race, $165. Majorie Mugs: Oct. 18, 10th race, $165): ZWP Stable—$330.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Gone Home: Oct. 17, 8th race, $567. Port Louis: Oct. 19, 5th race, $1,375): R. Larry Johnson—$1,942.

ETCHED (Here Comes Mongo: Oct. 14, 10th race, $242; Oct. 31, 2nd race, $1,254. My Sistersledge: Oct. 19, 6th race, $1,000): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership—$2,496.

FREEDOM CHILD (Come On Callie: Oct. 18, 10th race, $315. Fanniebellefleming: Oct. 20, 7th race, $399. Free to Trump: Oct. 6, 2nd race, $385. Tom Terrific: Oct. 31, 1st race, $198): Freedom Child Syndicate—$1,297.

FRIESAN FIRE (Grecian Dancer: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $315. Pearl Gem: Oct. 5, 6th race, $319. Rip Rap Riley: Oct. 11, 8th race, $1,083. Tappahannock: Oct. 13, 4th race, $462): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$2,179.

GOLDEN LAD (Hello Beautiful: Oct. 19, 7th race, $2,750. Laddie Liam: Oct. 19, 2nd race, $500. Once in a Lifetime: Oct. 17, 8th race, $1,539. Sir Back in Black: Oct. 14, 7th race, $1,881): Golden Lad Syndicate—$6,670.

GREAT NOTION (Conjecture: Oct. 19, 3rd race, $1,000. Epic Idea: Oct. 3, 5th race, $735. Halfinthewrapper: Oct. 4, 8th race, $1,539. Lewisfield: Oct. 19, 9th race, $500. Pretty Good Year: Oct. 19, 8th race, $500. Rein Supreme: Oct. 14, 9th race, $242. Sing a Verse: Oct. 31, 1st race, $378. Stickingtogether: Oct. 19, 7th race, $1,000. Zig: Oct. 12, 7th race, $693): Great Notion Syndicate—$6,587.

GREEK SUN (Jammer: Oct. 5, 5th race, $2,565): Marathon Farm.

HUNTERS BAY (Eifs: Oct. 3, 5th race, $1,995. Smokin Caraquena: Oct. 19, 1st race, $1,650): Stronach Group LP—$3,645.

IMAGINING (Bubba Seventy Six: Oct. 5, 3rd race, $242. Lady Fox: Oct. 13, 7th race, $693): Imagining Syndicate—$935.

LION HEARTED (Joseph: Oct. 11, 6th race, $297.50): Lion Hearted Syndicate.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Kosher Kontract: Oct. 12, 10th race, $1,026): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.

NICANOR (Catonsville: Oct. 31, 1st race, $1,026. Umightbeanempress: Oct. 20, 8th race, $1,254): Nicanor Syndicate—$2,280.

NOT FOR LOVE (Brooks Robinson: Oct. 11, 2nd race, $1,596. Clubman: Oct. 31, 5th race, $3,135. Crush It: Oct. 19, 5th race, $250. Love's Legend: Oct. 3, 7th race, $319. No More Talk: Oct. 19, 4th race, $300). Torch of Truth: Oct. 6, 2nd race, $735): Not For Love Syndicate—$6,335.

ORIENTATE (Rising Perry: Oct. 19, 12th race, $2,280): Orientate Syndicate.

OUTFLANKER (Fancy Outflanker: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $315): Outflanker Syndicate.

PETIONVILLE (Voodoo Valley: Oct. 11, 9th race, $1,026): Everest Stables Inc.

PLAN (I've Gotta Plan: Oct. 3, 8th race, $462; Oct. 18, 1st race, $242. Mice and Men: Oct. 11, 2nd race, $588; Oct. 18, 3rd race, $1,596. Polished Gal: Oct. 5, 1st race, $483. Yesterdaysplan: Oct. 19, 11th race, $1,375): Stronach Group LP—$4,746.

REDEEMED (Gallanor: Oct. 20, 8th race, $242): Redeemed Syndicate.

ROCK SLIDE (Letmeslidebyyou: Oct. 6, 8th race, $357): Shamrock Farms.

SEVILLE (GER) (Another Whim: Oct. 20, 9th race, $1,026. Five Star Perfect: Oct. 5, 3rd race, $1,254. Mr. d'Angelo: Oct. 19, 8th race, $2,750. Seville Barber: Oct. 12, 2nd race, $1,596. Valle Luna: Oct. 14, 4th race, $693): Seville (Ire) Syndicate—$7,319.

STREET MAGICIAN (Bring It On Home: Oct. 5, 7th race, $441. By the Sey Shore: Oct. 11, 6th race, $297.50. Magical Luna: Oct. 14, 1st race, $567; Oct. 31, 10th race, $1,539. Sky Magician: Oct. 11, 6th race, $1,995. Somekindofmagician: Oct. 4, 4th race, $609; Oct. 19, 8th race, $1,000. Something Magical: Oct. 6, 4th race, $495. Street Copper: Oct. 3, 4th race, $2,565): R. Larry Johnson—$9,508.50.

SUPER NINETY NINE (Baravelli: Oct. 17, 7th race, $315. Forfiftyfiverocket: Oct. 5, 8th race, $651. Ortinola: Oct. 5, 9th race, $198. Pataz: Oct. 18, 2nd race, $1,026. Sunday Red: Oct. 11, 10th race, $1,254. Vee's Super Star: Oct. 13, 8th race, $693): Country Life Farm and Spendthrift—$4,137.

TRITAP (Tappin Cat: Oct. 19, 10th race, $500): Tritap Syndicate.

MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND

Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland

Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

Purse $	1st place earns $	1st place breeder bonus $	2nd place earns $	2nd place breeder bonus $	3rd place earns $	3rd place breeder bonus $
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse $	1st place earns $	1st place breeder bonus $	2nd place earns $	2nd place breeder bonus $	3rd place earns $	3rd place breeder bonus $
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at $100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 15% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding $100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a $100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race. Maryland-bred bonuses for Maryland Million Day are calculated separately.

As of 09/01/2018; subject to semi-annual review by Maryland Racing Commission

Maryland-bred top earners in 2019

(through December 2)

1. Sharing	$730,300	11. Zonda	$159,407
2. Top Line Growth	284,498	12. So Street	158,933
3. Cordmaker	284,427	13. Selflessly	158,000
4. Clubman	228,707	14. Nakamura	151,322
5. Las Setas	224,640	15. Just Howard	150,500
6. Alwaysmining	218,000	16. Stephen's Answer	137,799
7. Another Broad	202,350	17. Magically Discreet	134,829
8. Taco Supream	196,627	18. Rol Again Question	134,430
9. Rocky Policy	179,631	19. Bustoff	129,673
10. Nuclear Option	176,513	20. Majestic Reason	126,892

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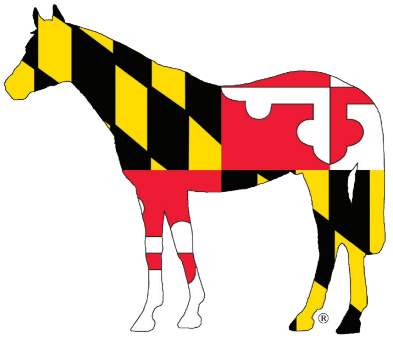

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled on December 2 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their career in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2019. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2019

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	91	562	50	93	$2,938,441
Friesan Fire	98	598	50	81	2,604,807
Not For Love	48	462	34	69	1,912,386
Street Magician	58	346	26	46	1,440,583
Orientate	60	436	36	58	1,393,450
Super Ninety Nine	41	212	24	40	1,088,295
Seville (Ger)	72	370	22	35	1,057,520
Redeemed	40	263	20	29	930,702
Bandbox	32	150	19	26	873,543
Tritap	27	165	14	20	699,890
Petionville	35	193	14	26	684,726
Outflanker	28	190	15	25	631,365
†Golden Lad	18	57	10	13	524,826
†Bourbon Courage	18	61	6	8	470,106
Rock Slide	15	104	10	17	448,660
Nicanor	20	138	13	19	444,390
Buffum	13	77	8	16	388,560

2-year-old earnings in 2019

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
†Golden Lad	18	57	10	13	524,826
†Bourbon Courage	18	61	6	8	470,106
Super Ninety Nine	15	48	9	12	371,166
†Imagining	16	59	5	5	311,480
Street Magician	6	27	2	5	248,937
Friesan Fire	19	39	7	7	179,861
Bandbox	10	31	5	5	164,421
Great Notion	6	16	4	4	153,829
Seville (Ger)	14	43	3	3	119,598
†Hangover Kid	1	4	1	2	111,953
Outflanker	3	17	2	2	93,118
Orientate	4	13	2	2	64,299

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	845	19,353	686	2,882	$80,395,864
Two Punch	938	18,293	733	2,686	55,270,200
Orientate	682	13,846	531	2,028	47,753,565
Petionville	663	14,309	519	1,930	45,321,442
Louis Quatorze	777	14,948	575	1,956	38,120,187
Lion Hearted	507	9,747	389	1,332	30,076,706
Outflanker	440	9,452	331	1,331	29,442,668
Waquoit	484	11,428	368	1,522	26,928,140
Great Notion	263	4,052	207	685	21,367,052
Go for Gin	322	6,223	214	733	19,373,278
Rock Slide	222	3,917	151	440	11,426,164
Friesan Fire	169	2,652	122	345	10,880,884
Street Magician	109	1,703	76	217	6,668,826
Scipion	117	2,667	72	289	6,611,651
Mojave Moon	156	3,119	107	339	5,945,226

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	365	1,164	139	186	$6,956,746
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	367	1,152	140	182	5,316,125
Petionville	382	1,180	123	152	4,864,265
Louis Quatorze	338	1,047	104	130	3,509,023
Outflanker	227	921	94	125	3,464,101
Lion Hearted	224	733	81	111	3,096,416
Great Notion	96	288	39	55	2,182,653
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Friesan Fire	102	310	33	37	1,694,915
Rock Slide	94	299	24	35	1,075,420

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Sunny Ridge wins Richard W. Small Stakes

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Dennis A. Drazin's homebred Sunny Ridge continued to add to his impressive career with a win in the $100,000 Richard W. Small Stakes at Laurel Park Nov. 30.

It was the second stakes win of his 6-year-old season, as the son of Holy Bull and the Songandaprayer mare Lignum Vitae earlier won the Grade 3 Salvator Mile at Monmouth Park. In his first trip to Maryland, Sunny Ridge tracked the pace while saving ground in third inside of his fellow New Jersey-bred Golden Brown. He stayed on the rail until being eased out nearing mid-stretch and forged ahead under hand urging by jockey Trevor McCarthy.

"I got a great trip," said McCarthy, who was aboard for trainer Jason Servis. "Jason said, 'Just be patient and he'll give you a turn of foot when you need it.'"

Sunny Ridge has now won eight of 28 starts and earned $1.4 million.

Applications now being accepted for the NJ Agricultural Achievement Award

Scholarship for H.S. seniors interested in a career in agriculture or the sciences

New Jersey residents who are in their senior year in high school and are planning a career in agriculture or science may apply for the New Jersey Agricultural Achievement Award. One winner will be selected and awarded a scholarship to honor their achievements.

The New Jersey Agricultural Achievement Award, sponsored by Dr. Amy Butewicz, a former New Jersey Equestrian of the Year, was started because of her desire to give back to the community. Worth $500, this scholarship is meant to assist its recipient in beginning their future in agriculture.

The qualifications for receiving this award include submitting an application, found at www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf, a resume along with an essay answering the question, "How has your involvement within your respective nominating organization helped to shape your future career choice?"

In addition, a contestant is required to be a current, active member of an organization either on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board and/or represented at the Youth Reception portion of the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention. Each organization on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board and a participant of the State Agricultural Convention is able to nominate a maximum of two contestants.

The winner of the Agricultural Achievement Award must attend the Annual New Jersey Bred Equine Breeders Award Luncheon to be held on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, in Hamilton, N.J., and will read his or her essay to the attendees.

Please mail application, resume and essay by Jan. 10, 2020, to: NJDA, Attn: Lynn Mathews, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Mathews, 609-292-2888 or lynn.mathews@ag.nj.gov

Valedictorian honored by New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Epic Racing's Valedictorian, a consistent mare who won three stakes races in 2019, has been named the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's New Jersey-bred Thoroughbred of the Year for 2019.

Valedictorian entered her 6-year-old season seeking her first stakes win, which came in the Grade 3 Suwannee River Stakes at Gulfstream Park in February over some of the top filly and mare turf runners in the country. The dark bay daughter of Temple City out of the Smart Strike mare Smart N Classy then added the Sand Springs Stakes at Gulfstream Park seven weeks later. Earlier at the meet she finished second in the Honey Fox Stakes-G3 and third in the Marshua's River-G3.

Valedictorian headed north to Monmouth Park and won the Eatontown Stakes-G3, the same race her dam won in 2005.

Trained by Kelly J. Breen, Valedictorian earned $339,330 last year from eight starts. For her career her record stands at 30-12-6-4 for earnings of $708,765. Valedictorian was bred by John Bowers Jr.

In memoriam: Jane B. Gilbert

Jane B. Gilbert, horsewoman and equine advocate, died of pancreatic cancer Nov. 7 at the age of 73. Jane lived most of her life in New Jersey, where her impact on the horse industry was both broad and generous.

Jane served as president of the New Jersey Bred Hunter Association, where she developed the stallion registry and awards program. Before dressage and combined training were popular, Jane served as the first president of the Eastern State Dressage and Combined Training Association and as a member of the board for more than a decade. She was a member of the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board (NJEAB) for over 20 years and has also served as the board's chair.

In recognition of Jane's contributions to the horse industry in New Jersey, she was given the "Horse Person of the Year" award in 2001.

President of the New Jersey Horse Council for nearly 20 years, Jane assisted in the New Jersey Farmland assessment revaluation that was expanded to include training and boarding of horses to the list of eligible requirements. She was also instrumental in the successful passage of the New Jersey Liability Bill, a challenging feat, since New Jersey remained one of the few states without an equine liability bill in place.

With a longtime interest in equine science and the education of new horse owners, as well as youth, regarding horses and the industry, Jane tirelessly served as a volunteer for many 4-H groups. She was also an original member of the Rutgers University Board for Equine Advancement, strongly advocating for equine research and education.

Jane was a dedicated and effective advocate of dressage and combined training. She was a licensed USEF judge for hunters, jumpers, hunt seat equitation, and a Technical Delegate for dressage. Because of her interest in combined training, Jane chaired, for nine years, the Essex Horse Trials, featuring Olympic caliber competitions held at the U.S. Equestrian Team Headquarters. As a trustee of the Horse Park of New Jersey, she organized the "Jersey Fresh" three-day event in 2003, directing and developing it for many of the next 10 years.

An agent for 23 years at Blue Bridle, an independent equine insurance agency in Pittstown, N.J., Jane possessed considerable expertise in farm, horse and equine liability.

Jane also shared with her beloved husband, Charlie, a passion for Thoroughbred racing. Jane owned stakes winners Arlo, Lyle Lovesit, Deacon Lake and many others, and was involved in Thoroughbred breeding in the state. A member of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey's Board of Trustees at the time of her passing, Jane insisted that her horses – at the end of their racing careers – were always retired to their farm, or placed in programs that she helped create.

Because of her compassion for racehorses, Jane was selected as a new board member for the ReRun Thoroughbred Program, that finds homes for retired racehorses.

She was a visionary who co-founded SCTAP (Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption & Placement) – the aftercare program serving Monmouth Park. She campaigned tirelessly to find quality care and fulfilling careers for former racehorses. Jane was a staunch advocate and spokesperson for horses who needed a voice.

Horses entered her life at a very young age, and she participated in every aspect of the field. From 4-H, to Penn Hall Jr. College (with her horse) to Potomac Horse Center (with her horse), to Stoneleigh Burnham School in Greenfield, MA (as an instructor, with her horse), Jane pursued everything having to do with horses. She rode hunt seat, saddle seat, dressage, and Western. And she loved every single minute when she was astride a horse.

Stallion Season Auction set for February 14

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) will conduct its annual Stallion Season Auction beginning on Friday, Feb. 14 and ending Sunday, Feb. 16.

The online auction is being hosted on the Starquine bidding platform at www.starquine.com. All participants must be registered with Starquine prior to bidding. Starquine offers an automatic bidding process that allows participants to enter the maximum amount they are willing to pay for a season. Starquine then keeps bidding on the buyer's behalf until the maximum amount is reached or high bidder. Each season's conditions will be posted as part of their auction page on Starquine.

All proceeds from the auction go to the TBANJ, which uses the funds for promoting the Thoroughbred breeding industry in New Jersey. Stallion seasons will be added until the auction begins on Feb. 14 and a complete list of available seasons will be listed on www.njbreds.com.

Please contact the TBANJ office at 732-542-8880 for additional information.

2020 Thoroughbred Race Dates

Monmouth Park will conduct 56 live race days in 2020 with an additional 19 days of both dirt and turf racing to follow at the Meadowlands.

With approval from the New Jersey Racing Commission granted Nov. 20, Monmouth Park has been given the green light to commence its 2020 season on Saturday, May 2 – Kentucky Derby Day. Following that card, racing will run Saturdays and Sundays in May with the addition of Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The month of June will also see live cards on Saturdays and Sundays and two Friday cards on June 19 and 26.

Monmouth Park will race on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July and August with the TVG.com Haskell scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

September will have live racing on Saturdays and Sundays as well as Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.

Racing will shift north to the Meadowlands on Friday, Oct. 2 for live racing on Friday and Saturdays through Dec. 5. There will be no live racing at the Meadowlands on Saturday, Oct. 17 as racing will be conducted at the Far Hills meet at Moorland Farm.

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Racing Recap

Henry Standingbear (2017, Atreides—Indiancreek Maggie, by Roanoke) proved much the best his first time out, breaking his 2-year-old maiden for breeder/owner Clint Lowry at Charles Town Oct. 25. The colt dueled along the rail and drew off, leaving the field behind to win by 3¾ lengths.

PRINCESS JANET *Equi-Photo/Bill Denver*

Princess Janet (2016, Hey Chub—P J Hooker, by Hook and Ladder) dueled for the lead on the inside, took control on the turn, went clear into the stretch but came under attack late and had to dig in to win by a head for breeder and owner Ken Orchard - Jet M Stables at Monmouth Park Oct. 27. It was her third win in her 3-year-old season.

Texas Wedge (2015, Colonel John—Callmenancy, by Political Force), bred by Nancy Shuford, won at Churchill Downs going 5 furlongs on the turf Nov. 1. He chased the pace early, moved four-wide in the turn, made his move to the lead down the stretch under a long drive and prevailed to win by a head.

Bella Aurora (2017, Carpe Diem—Street Interest, by Street Cry-Ire), won a Laurel Park allowance Nov. 2, going 1 mile on the dirt for owner James Jones in partnership with Country Life Farm. Never off-the-board in five starts at 2, the filly won her second race despite a troubled trip in upper stretch. She angled in inside the three-sixteenths pole, took the lead near the eighth pole and was ridden out to a 3-length score.

Flat Out Flying (2016, Flat Out—She's a Tough Tiger, by Tiger Ridge, bred by members Beth Muirhead and Frank Coniglio, won at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 6 at 1 mile on the turf. Unhurried away from the gate, the chestnut gelding was allowed to settle, then rated nicely down the backstretch before swung to the outside turning for home. He took the lead in the stretch and drew off by 5¼ lengths.

Wicked Race (2017, Race Day—Wicked Cricket, by Chapel Royal), bred by Nancy Shuford, got her first win Nov. 10 at Laurel Park going a mile on the dirt. Although bumped at the start, she rushed to the lead and led at every call, cruising under the wire 2 lengths in front.

Royalbonnielegacy (2015, Include—Royal Bonnie, by Yankee Gentleman) won at Finger Lakes at 1 mile and 70 yards Nov. 15 for owner Brad Graham in partnership with Bona Venture Stables. Unraced at 2 and 3, she broke her maiden by setting the pace, responded when challenged at the top of the stretch, drew clear under the whip to win by 6¼ lengths.

BELLA AURORA *Jim McCue*

FLAT OUT FLYING *Lauren King*

Saints Marching In (2016, Flashback—Wicked Cricket, by Chapel Royal), the year-older half-brother to Wicked Race bred by Nancy Shuford, won at Finger Lakes going 1 mile and 70 yards Nov. 19. Held tight and running in the three path, he was blocked at the three-eighths pole, slid inside down the lane, and gaining and reaching he passed the leader late to win by a half length.

President's message

Congratulations to the members whose horses ran this prior reporting period. To actualize a racehorse, at any level, is a herculean effort constructed of meticulous care, knowledge and a measure of luck. You have my greatest admiration for your achievement.

The new year brings new foals and new hope. I wish you all continued success on the track, in the foaling sheds, at the betting windows and/or with your OTTB. Happy New Year to you and Happy Birthday to our stupendous Thoroughbreds.

–Rebecca Montaldo

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Date	Horse	Track	NCTA Connection	Result
25-Oct	Henry Standingbear	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	**WINNER!**
27-Oct	Princess Janet	Monmouth Park	Bred & owned by Ken Orchard - Jet M Stable	**WINNER!**
30-Oct	Dancing Derek	Woodbine	Owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	3rd
1-Nov	Texas Wedge	Churchill Downs	Bred by Nancy Shuford	**WINNER!**
2-Nov	Nancy Littlebit	Camarero Race Track	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd
2-Nov	Liberty Fire	Mountaineer Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead	3rd
2-Nov	Cayenne Creek	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
2-Nov	Henry Standingbear	Charles Town – West Virginia Futurity	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
2-Nov	Bella Aurora	Laurel Park	Owned by James Jones in a partnership	**WINNER!**
4-Nov	Liberty Fire	Mountaineer Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead	3rd
6-Nov	Flat Out Flying	Gulfstream Park West	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio	**WINNER!**
7-Nov	Saints Marching In	Finger Lakes	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
10-Nov	Kabakan	Camarero Race Track	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd
10-Nov	Wicked Race	Laurel Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	**WINNER!**
15-Nov	Royalbonnielegacy	Finger Lakes	Owned by Brad Graham in a partnership	**WINNER!**
17-Nov	Bank on Shea	Aqueduct - $100,000 Notebook Stakes	Owned by Dan & Christy Shea - Shea D Boy's Stables	3rd
19-Nov	Saints Marching In	Finger Lakes	Bred by Nancy Shuford	**WINNER!**
21-Nov	No Altar Boy	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
22-Nov	Kabakan	Camarero Race Track	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd

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BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC WINNER AND $4,471,322 EARNER FORT LARNED TO STAND IN OHIO

The opportunity to improve the breed in Ohio just took another step forward when it was announced that three-time Grade 1 winner Fort Larned has relocated from Adena Springs in Kentucky to Duncan Farms near Warsaw. "We've been looking for a stallion to join [Grade 2 winner] Corfu and we called Adena," said O.T.B.O. Board member Daryl Duncan. "Sally and I went down to Kentucky and saw him and started the conversation. Not long after, the call came in from Adena and I about dropped the phone. We finalized the deal at the Keeneland sale. This is not a lease agreement, we purchased him, which means he will be in the state a long time.

"I think he will be good for the state, he's a high-profile performer," Duncan continued. "We were watching him move in the paddock today and he is all class. He is a young grandson of Mr. Prospector and he should fit the program here very well." Fort Larned is by E Dubai out of the Broad Brush mare Arlucea. He is a half-brother to three stakes horses including Walkabout, winner of the Grade 3 Matron and two times graded stakes-placed. The real strength in his female family comes through his second dam Bayakoa (Arg).

A picture of soundness, Bayakoa recorded 21 wins including two victories in the Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1 as well as two runnings each of the Grade 1 Spinster, Grade 1 Santa Margarita, Grade 1 Santa Maria Handicap, Grade 1 Milady Handicap and the Grade 2 Hawthorne Handicap, plus four additional Grade 1 wins while earning $2,861,701. She won the Eclipse Award as Champion Older Female for two seasons.

Louise Reinagel

Fort Larned, like his heralded second dam, got better as he matured. Under the guidance of trainer Ian Wilkes and regular rider Brian Hernandez Jr., he had a breakout year as a 4-year-old. His first graded stakes win was in track record time at Gulfstream Park in the Grade 3 Skip Away at 9½ furlongs. His season continued with a victory in the $300,000 Grade 3 Prairie Meadows Cornhusker, and his first Grade 1 win in the $750,000 Whitney Invitational Handicap at Saratoga. After a third in the $1,000,000 Grade 1 Jockey Club Gold Cup, he made the trip to Santa Anita for the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and put in a determined effort to defeat a field that included Mucho Macho Man, Flat Out, Game On Dude and Richard's Kid.

The Whitham family, who campaigned Bayakoa and bred Fort Larned, elected to keep him in training as a 5-year-old. From six starts he won two stakes, topped by the Grade 1 Stephen Foster Handicap, and went out with a fourth-place finish behind Mucho Macho Man in the Breeders' Cup Classic. He retired with a record of 25-10-2-1 and $4,471,322, making him the richest stallion ever to stand in Ohio.

"We wanted to ensure he would get off to a good start in the state, so we are standing him at an introductory fee of $2,000 for 2020," stated Duncan. "In the short time he has been here we are already getting calls and have several mares from Kentucky coming up to breed to him."

NOVEMBER STAKES RESULTS

Edge of Night wins the Glacial Princess Stakes for 2-year-olds fillies. Dustin Livesay photo.

OHIO MIXED SALES GRADUATES RUN 1-3 IN $75,000 GLACIAL PRINCESS

It was a good week for advertising the Ohio Mixed Sale, as three graduates passed the $100,000 mark in late November. Edge of Night, sold as a weanling in 2017 for $6,500, pushed her 2-year-old earnings to $139,500 with a win Nov. 23 in the $75,000 Glacial Princess; Firsthand Justice, brought $5,200 as a yearling, finished third in the $75,000 Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial Nov. 23 to increase his bankroll to $103,520; and Oaks Honey, a $10,000 yearling purchase, crossed the $100,000 mark with a 5-length win in a $32,700 allowance event Nov. 20.

Edge of Night had never been off the board in five lifetime starts until she tried 1⅛ miles in the Best of Ohio John W. Galbreath Stakes in October. The Glacial Princess at Mahoning Valley was a turnback to 6 furlongs and fell right in the filly's wheelhouse. Trainer Robert Gorham, who picked her out of the sale, didn't need to do much with her after the Galbreath. The odds-on favorite, she didn't disappoint her ticket holders.

Her only competition in the Glacial Princess came from her stablemate Ting Tang, who provided the tepid pace until the half-mile marker. At that point Christian Pilares asked Edge of Night for her run and she steadily took the lead into the stretch with Christalinda and Heaven Sent Angel (another Ohio Mixed Sale graduate) in futile pursuit. The entire field would not change position in the final two furlongs. Edge of Night drew off under the wire in 1:16.39.

Mast Thoroughbreds LLC owns the daughter of Ohio stallion Added Edge out of Cargo Jet, by Discreet Cat. The two-time stakes winner bred by Steve DiMaiolo has now earned $139,500 from seven lifetime starts.

MOBIL SOLUTION FINDS THE ANSWER IN $75,000 RUFF/ KIRCHBERG HANDICAP

The question going into the Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial was "Can Leona's Reward pull off another three-stakes race skein at the end of the season?" In 2018 she ended her season capturing the Ohio Debutante, Ruff/Kirchberg and Bobby Bricker Memorial Handicaps in a month of racing at Mahoning Valley. She came into the 2019 Ruff/Kirchberg off authoritative victories in the $150,000 Best of Ohio Distaff and $75,000 Ohio Debutante. Under handicap conditions she shouldered topweight of 125 pounds as the only female in the nine-horse field. In the positive column, the quintessential "Horse for Course" had 10 wins in 13 starts over the Mahoning oval, earning $488,966.

Jeff Radosevich-trained horses filled 33 percent of the starting gate and the most accomplished of the trio was Mobil Solution, a multiple stakes winner of $368,020. One of the most consistent Ohio-breds in training, he went into the race having been on the board in eight of nine starts his 4-year-old season, which included two stakes wins. His only off the board result was his prior start in the $150,000 Best of Ohio Endurance. He finished an uncharacteristic eighth, beaten 13¾ lengths. Whatever the problem was, Radosevich was able to identify and correct it by race day.

Regular rider Luis Rivera placed Mobil Solution in his comfort zone—near, but not on, the lead. Stablemate Pat's Karma led the field into the turn, while fa-

vored Leona's Reward fell victim to her outside post position and was parked widest of all around the bend. Mobil Solution steadily crept up on the pacesetter and took the lead into the stretch. At the same time, Verissimo launched his bid from sixth and was getting to Mobil Solution, who dug in gamely to last by a neck for the top spot in a Radosevich-trained exacta. Ohio Sale graduate Firsthand Justice rallied for the third spot and a check that would push his earnings over the $100,000 threshold.

The winner travelled the 1 mile and 70 yards in 1:46.63 and returned to his record of consistency with current lifetime stats of 24-7-8-5 for earnings of $413,020. The gelded son of leading Ohio stallion Mobil out of Perfect Solution, by Seeking the Gold, was bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm and is owned by Gerald Silver.

Mobil Solution digs in to hold off stablemate Verissimo (#4) by a neck for the Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial win under Luis Rivera. Dustin Livesay photo.

LEONA'S REWARD WINS HER FOURTH CONSECUTIVE BOBBY BRICKER MEMORIAL

It was a redemption race of sorts for multiple state champion Leona's Reward. In 2018 she rolled the table with consecutive stakes wins in the Ohio Debutante, Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial and Bobby Bricker Memorial. She came into the 2019 series with a boost from a strong win in the $150,000 Best of Ohio Distaff and parlayed that into an easy 7½-length win in the $75,000 Ohio Debutante. As good as the 6-year-old mare was going, she couldn't overcome being the highweight versus the boys and the outside post on the 1-mile, 70-yard, Ruff/Kirchberg. Parked outside for most of the race, she was out of her comfort zone, which is on or need the lead, and she faded to sixth.

In the $75,000 Bobby Bricker Dec. 7 she was assigned 127 pounds, giving the field eight to 14 pounds. On the positive side, she drew the #3 post position and was back against fillies and mares. Her backers threw out her last effort and bet her down to odds of 1-to-5 and she didn't disappoint. She broke on top and never looked back, her jockey Gerardo Corrales did though, but it was obvious that the race was for place. Filling that role was Grizabella followed by Here Comes Jigs.

While this win pushed Leona's Reward career to 48-19-7-5 and $934,056, it was by no means her swan song. Trainer Tim Hamm said she'll be back in 2020 after a refreshing period at his farm in Florida. The goal is to reach the $1 million mark back in Ohio. Leona's Reward is a daughter of pensioned Ohio stallion Parents' Reward out of Prime Dancer, by Montbrook. She was bred by Blazing Meadows Farm and is owned by the farm and Michael Friedman.

CURTAIN CLOSES ON 2019 FUND STAKES WITH BETCHAIWILL TAKING THE JOSHUA RADOSEVICH MEMORIAL

The final event on the 2019 Ohio Race Fund Schedule was the Joshua Radosevich Memorial for accredited 2-year-olds at 6 furlongs Dec. 7.

Three of the eight entrants were coming back from an effort in the 1 1/16-mile $150,000 Best of Ohio Juvenile in late October. Two second-time starters were coming into the race off of very impressive debut efforts.

Robert Gorham's homebred Tiger Trail pulled away by 14 lengths with ease Nov. 29, and Imagine Stables and trainer David Wolochuk's gelding Garrett disposed of his field by 15¼ lengths Nov. 20. Off his impressive win, Garrett was installed as the favorite in his stakes debut. Authentic Cowtown was made the second choice off of a second-place finish with a late rally in the Juvenile for Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm and trainer James McDonald.

Sweetnessncharm had shown speed in his first four lifetime starts, he was bumped at the start, but quickly recovered to get the lead and led to the top of the stretch where he was met by Authentic Cowtown. It was at this point where the race would be won or lost by the stalking Betchaiwill. Sweetnessncharm didn't fan out on the turn and left the smallest of paths available on the rail.

A lot of young horses are not up to the challenge to squeeze through, but jockey John McKee was confident in his mount. "Jimmy [trainer Chapman] and I talked about it prior to the race and we had all of the speed outside of us," said the second-generation jockey. "Breaking from the inside we just saved ground, mentally he was good and rated much kinder than he did winning the Loyalty [at Belterra Park in September]. It was one of those things, once he got up to the leader he didn't hesitate to go up the rail. He made my job easy, though I had to stay busy on him as he will idle when he gets the lead. Jimmy did a great job at having him ready for this race."

Betchaiwill drove to a three-quarter-length win at the wire over Authentic Cowtown who was safely ahead of favored Garrett. The final time was 1:12.24. The bay colt is by William's Kitten out of War Queen, by War Chant, and was bred by Eyes of a Child Stable. Owned by Marcus Yagour, the colt closed out his season with three wins, two of them stakes, a second and a third in six starts for earnings of $122,980.

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PA Bred Fund fuels stallion numbers

by Linda Dougherty

Thanks in large part to confidence in the stability of its breeding program, Pennsylvania was one of only two states to show an increase in the number of mares bred in 2019, according to the annual Report of Mares Bred (RMB) statistics released by The Jockey Club in October.

Information provided to The Jockey Club through Oct. 16 showed that 686 mares were bred to Pennsylvania stallions this year, an increase of 12.5 percent from 2018, when 610 mares were bred.

"This was a great year for number of mares bred in Pennsylvania," said Brian Sanfratello, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA). "In fact, when all is said and done, we should be up around 20 percent over 2018. That's the third straight year with significant increases. With the best breeding program in the country, it's not hard to figure out why."

Uptowncharlybrown

Pennsylvania's robust 2019 results follow on the heels of a 15.1 percent boost in 2017, and an 8.3 percent jump in 2018.

Overall, The Jockey Club reported that the number of mares bred in North America decreased 3.5 percent. Kentucky, which traditionally leads in breeding activity, saw a 1.1 percent decrease, with its 220 reported stallions covering 17,123 mares, down from the 17,322 reported as bred in mid-October last year.

California, the second-leading state ranked by number of mares bred in 2019, showed the sharpest decline, dipping to 2,018 mares from 2,482 in 2018, an 18.7 percent slide. Other states/provinces with double-digit declines include Ontario (-13.2 percent), Louisiana (-12.5 percent) and Maryland (-10 percent).

Support for Pennsylvania stallions was especially strong this season. Multiple Grade 1 winner and multimillionaire Hoppertunity, who entered stud at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, had 129 mares in his initial book, while Warrior's Reward, who stood his first year in Pennsylvania at WynOaks Farm in Delta, bred 115 mares. Another young Northview PA stallion, Uncle Lino, serviced 76 mares, and Uptowncharlybrown, who stands at Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, bred 73 mares.

"Three years ago, state Legislators and the Governor showed their support for Pennsylvania's breeding program by creating the Racehorse Development Fund Trust," said Greg Newell, president of the PHBA. "That single step sent a powerful

Report of mares bred *continued from page 1*

message to breeders across the country that Pennsylvania was the state to bring their mares.

"One change directly associated with the creation of this Trust was an increase in Pennsylvania-sired breeders' awards," he continued. "The creation of the Trust and increased Pennsylvania-sired bonuses has encouraged farms to bring in more high-profile stallions. There is a direct correlation between the better quality stallions and the increased numbers of mares bred."

Echoing those thoughts was Bob Hutt, president of Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC, which owns and stands Uptowncharlybrown. The stallion has enjoyed bigger books with each passing year due to his stakes-winning, profitable progeny, and he has been strongly supported by Hutt since the start of his stud career.

"Without question, Pennsylvania offers the best state-bred program in the nation; bar none," said Hutt. "Most breeders aren't even aware that Uptowncharlybrown Stud, our racing entity, has placed in the top one percent of all owners in the United States for the past three years. That tells you all you need to know, as we race almost exclusively in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania breeding and racing is alive and well, and we expect it to continue to grow for many years to come. This is definitely the place you want to be."

Hutt cited Uptowncharlybrown's impressive statistics that have lured mare owners to his court: average earnings per starter of $87,868; average earnings per start of $9,559, and an AEI/CI ratio of 2.12/0.75, which compares favorably with the top stallions in the country.

Longtime Pennsylvania owner and breeder Donnie Brown saw an opportunity last year to add an established son of Medaglia d'Oro to the state's stallion roster, and so decided to stand Warrior's Reward. With average earnings per starter of $51,804, and two graded stakes winners (Warrior's Club, $856,504, and Axelrod, $750,925) he proved enormously popular, breeding 115 mares.

"The protection of the Breeding Fund money means everything, because it takes away the uncertainty of what might happen in the future," said Brown. "As breeders know, it takes a few years to get a horse to the racetrack. It's a big investment, and knowing the Breeding Fund money will be there is so important. By the amount of inquiries I've had recently about Warrior's Reward, I think he's going to have another good year in 2020."

Brown also cited the options available for Pennsylvania-breds once they begin their racing careers in the state.

"If you have a Pennsylvania-bred, we have three racetracks that offer dirt, turf and synthetic, and two of them run year-round," he said. "We offer something for everybody."

Paul O'Loughlin, bloodstock manager of Northview PA, said that the farm had an outstanding year due in large part to the renewed confidence in the breeding program.

"It's all about the Breeding Fund," said O'Loughlin. "The stability of the Fund, plus the excellent purses in the state, has really made a big impact. There was always concern expressed by breeders as to what was happening with the Breeding Fund money, and now they don't have to be worried. A lot more people wanted to breed and foal in Pennsylvania this year."

To date, Northview is the leading Breeding Fund program award recipient, with $323,810 earned in stallion bonuses.

Even small breeders can now expect to have a good chance at making money with horses they sell or keep to race.

Vicky Schowe and Beatrice Patterson have found it extremely profitable to sell the progeny of their Forestry mare, Avani Force, at auction, and reap the ensuing breeder awards.

In 2017, they sold her yearling colt by Friesan Fire, named Call Paul, for $20,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale, and, after being resold for $210,000 as a 2-year-old in training at Fasig-Tipton's May sale at Timonium, have watched as he's gone on to capture five stakes, two of them graded, and $566,670.

Last year, Avani Force's filly Pink Caddy sold for $40,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale and has now won $106,730, including the Small Wonder Stakes at Delaware Park.

The talent the pair has shown on the racetrack has earned Schowe and Patterson more than $66,000 in breeder awards in 2018-2019.

"My personal opinion is that it's a wonderful program, the best in the country," said Schowe. "When you register a horse as a Pennsylvania-bred, you get the 40 percent purse bonus as an owner, and the breeder bonuses are amazing. I've spoken with people in other states and they were amazed at how good the program is. Beasie [Patterson] and I have been over the moon as to the breeder bonuses that both Call Paul and Pink Caddy have earned for us."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

It's been another great year for the Pennsylvania Breeding Program and I look forward to 2020.

Our number of mares bred is up for the third year in a row, this year by 12.5 percent. New stallions continue to arrive and we have the best breeding program in the nation. You're going to want to pick up a mare or two so you don't miss out on the new breeding season.

If you purchase a mare in foal at a public auction after Dec. 1, she must be brought into the state within 14 days of purchase through foaling. During the foaling year the foal or its dam must spend at least 90 days in the state in order for that foal to be eligible to become a registered PA-Bred. You can also bring in your mare anytime, stay 60 consecutive days through foaling and breed back to a PA-Sire. In 2020 we'll be adding two new benefits for PA-Sired PA-Breds.

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	$100,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Zipper's Hero, 2nd-Sweetest Yet, 3rd-Its a Journey
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Sun., July 7 PID	**$100,000 Leematt S**, 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Jaguar Poz, 2nd-Missin the Big Dog, 3rd-Fast and Accurate
	$100,000 Northern Fling S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Imply, 2nd-Darcy Mae, 3rd-Trolley Ride
Sat., Aug. 3 Parx	**$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st-Midtowncharlybrown, 2nd-Midnightcharly, 3rd-The Man
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	$100,000 Marshall Jenney S, 3 & up, 5 fur., turf 1st-Hollywood Talent, 2nd-Amblin Man, 3rd-Smooth B
	$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st-Afleet Tizzy, 2nd-Sweet Bye and Bye, 3rd-Trace of Grace
	$100,000 Mrs. Penny S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Imply, 2nd-Pink Elephant, 3rd-Shemakesmehappy
Mon., Sept. 9 PID	**$100,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO fillies, 1 mi. 1st-Ledecka, 2nd-Redeem My Heart, 3rd-Key Light
Sat., Sept. 21, Parx	**$100,000 Alphabet Soup S**, 3 & up, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Pumpkin Rumble, 2nd-Saratoga Jack, 3rd-Taxable Goods
	$100,000 Plum Pretty S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1⁄16 mi. 1st-Trace of Grace, 2nd-Trolley Ride, 3rd-Mill and Gloria
Mon., Sept. 23 PID	**$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Weed Wacker, 2nd-Lula's Roadrunner, 3rd-Leaky Cauldron
Wed., Oct. 16 PID	**$100,000 Mark McDermott S**, 2YO, 6 fur. 1st-Newstome, 2nd-Live Fire, 3rd-Weed Wacker
Wed., Nov. 27 Penn	**$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Precious, 2nd-Chilly Sky, 3rd-Autonomous
Sat., Dec. 7 Parx	**$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur. 1st-Hockey Puck, 2nd-Golden Candy, 3rd-Newstome

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JANUARY 2020

Charleston Steeplechase brings close to NSA season

The Steeplechase of Charleston was held at the Stono Ferry course Nov. 17, with six races contested under sunny skies. This meet was run under the ownership of the *Post and Courier*, the South's oldest newspaper. SCTOBA member Pierre Manigault played a major role in making sure the day unfolded smoothly.

Five races were run over hurdles and there was one training flat race. Hurdle winners included Pierre Manigault's Five Carat Cat, trained by Arch Kingsley and ridden by Archie Macauley. He won by 2 lengths. Silverton Hill LLC's Bodes Well (Ire) was much the best in his race, crossing the line 7¾ lengths in front. He is trained by Leslie Young and was ridden by Brian Linehan.

Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard's Hepcat won his race by 5¾ lengths. Also owned by Sheppard, Hepcat was ridden by Gerard Galligan. Galligan also rode the winner of the next race, Fightinirishtabit. This colt, owned by Daniel Denefrio and trained by Ricky Hendriks, was best by 2 lengths.

The Alston Cup, the feature race of the day, was captured by Irv Naylor's Must See The Doc (GB), trained by Leslie Young. Jockey Brian Linehan recorded his second win of the day in a tight finish, with Must See The Doc reaching the finish line a neck in front.

The one flat race was won by Av A Word, owned by The Hundred Acre Field group and trained by William Dowling. Daisy Fenwick was the rider.

Also on the steeplechase scene, the South Carolina team of owner Mark Buyck and trainer Arch Kingsley won two races at the Montpelier Hunt Races in Virginia Nov. 2 with Tolaga Bay and Aydoun (Ire).

Debut Winners

Many 2-year-olds make their first start in the fall and early winter months. It is especially exciting when they win their debut race. "Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center grads did just that twice in November. Addison graduated at Churchill Downs Nov. 6. Three days later, Wiggle and Jiggle had her picture taken at Laurel Park.

Donna Freyer, owner of Custom Care Equine in Camden, saw a former pupil, We the Clouds, get the job done in her debut at Keeneland Oct. 25.

Randy and Kala Rentz provided the foundation for Clifden Punch, who rang the bell in her first career start at Finger Lakes Nov. 18.

John Phillips to speak at annual meeting

The South Carolina Owners and Breeders Association will hold its annual meeting Feb. 8 at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden. We will be honored to have John Phillips, owner of Darby Dan Farm in Kentucky, as our guest speaker. Noted standouts for the Phillips Racing Partnership include Memories of Silver and the 1999 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1 winner Soaring Softly. Phillips is the grandson of John W. Galbreath, the founder of Darby Dan Farm in Ohio in 1935.

Racing Across the Nation

Travis Durr's Webb Carroll Training grad Lift Up captured the Maple Leaf Stakes-G3 at Woodbine Nov. 2. Lift Up trailed the field of nine for the first 6 furlongs, launched her bid in the turn for home, worked her way through traffic and reached the wire 1¼ lengths in front. This was her third stakes win since August.

On the same day, Sally's Curlin also came from last before proving best in the Chilukki Stakes-G3 at Churchill Downs. Solidly bumped coming out of the gate, Sally's Curlin trailed the opening half-mile before coming around the field from the outside. She grabbed the lead inside the eighth-pole and hit the wire three-quarters of a length in front. This filly went through the breaking process at "Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center.

Penguin Power won his seventh race in a row Nov. 9, leading gate-to-wire in the A Huevo Stakes at Charles Town. Penguin Power has 10 wins in 12 lifetime starts. The last three victories have been in stakes. The gelding, now 5, learned his early lessons at Shuler Stables in Orangeburg.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
Rol Again Question	McCutchen Training Center	11/29/19	Parx Racing	Allowance
Because of Susan	Rentz Farm	11/18/19	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Clifden Punch	Rentz Farm	11/18/19	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Wasjuannowpaul	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/18/19	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Blue Eyed Girl	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/17/19	Parx Racing	Allowance
Takechargmatriarch	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/17/19	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Literally	Rentz Farm	11/16/19	Penn National	Maiden special weight
Lord Winsalot	Rentz Farm	11/16/19	Penn National	Maiden special weight
Nutzforboltz	Aiken - C. Frommer/Rentz Farm	11/16/19	Aqueduct	Allowance
Punk Rock Princess	Mason Springs	11/16/19	Laurel Park	Optional Claiming
Moana's Tale	Elloree Training Center	11/15/19	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Break At Dawn	Mason Springs	11/14/19	Remington Park	Maiden special weight
Ocean Lilly	Shuler Stakes	11/14/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Scoregirlscore	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/14/19	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
The Quantico Kid	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	11/14/19	Laurel Park	Optional Claiming
Kaiju	Rentz Farm	11/13/19	Penn National	Allowance
The Sinner Is You	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/13/19	Woodbine	Starter allowance
Dancing Bull	Rentz Farm	11/11/19	Parx Racing	Allowance
Runforthemunnings	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/11/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
My Star Potential	Aiken - Cary Frommer	11/10/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
Take Chargechristy	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/10/19	Woodbine	Allowance
Boaster	Shuler Stables	11/9/19	Charles Town	Allowance
PENGUIN POWER	Shuler Stables	11/9/19	Charles Town	A Huevo S
Tel Aviv	Shuler Stables	11/9/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Meso	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/8/19	Del Mar	Allowance
Navy Sword	Shuler Stables	11/7/19	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
American Song	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/6/19	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Aydoun (Ire)	Arch Kingsley	11/2/19	Montpelier	The Madison Cup
Grecian Prince	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/2/19	Mahoning Valley	Optional Claiming
LIFT UP	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/2/19	Woodbine	Maple Leaf S-G3
SALLY'S CURLIN	Elloree Training Center	11/2/19	Churchill Downs	Chilukki S-G3
Amelia Bedelia	Shuler Stables	11/1/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Arrifana	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	11/1/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
Dizzy Gillespie	Elloree Training Center	11/1/19	Gulfstream Park West	Starter allowance
Hashtag Selfie	Mason Springs	11/1/19	Charles Town	Optional Claiming
Talented Son	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/1/19	Parx Racing	Allowance
Clubman	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/31/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
Grace Elizabeth	Shuler Stables	10/26/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Venomous State	Rentz Farm	10/26/19	Penn National	Starter allowance
Gorse	Elloree Training Center	10/25/19	Penn National	Allowance
Logic N Reason	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	10/25/19	Belmont	Maiden special weight
We the Clouds	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	10/25/19	Keeneland	Maiden special weight
Irish Hustle	Kirkwood Stables	10/23/19	Delta Downs	Allowance
Shanghai Jewel	Elloree Training Center	10/23/19	Mountaineer Park	Allowance
Wandofuhr	Aiken-Mike Keogh	10/23/19	Woodbine	Allowance
My Victoria Rose	Webb Carroll Training Center	10/21/19	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Still Alive	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/20/19	Parx Racing	Allowance

VIRGINIA

56 Virginia Certified Horses Reach Winners Circle In November

The Virginia Certified Residency program continues to put up big numbers and in November, 56 horses that spent six month residencies in the Commonwealth before they started racing, reached the winner's circle at Mid-Atlantic tracks. The victories provided their owners a 25% bonus on top of purse money earned, courtesy of the initiative.

Charles Town was host to 22 of those November wins while 17 were recorded at Laurel. Another seven came at Penn National, six at Aqueduct, two at Parx and one each at Finger Lakes and Mountaineer.

The three highest bonus earning awards all came from victories at Aqueduct. Kentucky-bred Tass scored a $10,000 bonus courtesy of a $90,000 allowance win on November 7. The 3-year-old Temple City filly covered a 1 3/8ths miles turf race in 2:18.25. She did not race a 2-year-old and so far this year, has three wins, a second and third in seven starts, good for $118,730 in earnings. Tass, who spent her residency at Braeburn Training Center in Crozet, also scored bonus earning wins June 5 at Delaware and October 17 at Belmont. She is owned by Matthew Schera.

New York-breds Fight On Lucy and Chowda both scored wins in respective $62,000 maiden special weight races at Aqueduct and both collected bonus checks of $8,525. The former won November 1st after being sent off at odds of 31-1. The 3-year-old Musket Man filly prevailed in a six furlong dirt race in 1:10.98 which came in her ninth career start. Since then, she has had solid back-to-back thirds in allowance races at Aqueduct. Fight On Lucy spent her six months at Ingleside Training Center in Montpelier Station and is owned by Ellen Bongard, Carla Skodinski, Ellen Petrino, Kathleen Condon and Barbara Bongard.

Chowda captured his maiden race November 11 and was best by a neck in a nine horse field. The 2-year-old Emcee colt finished the 6 1/2 furlong dirt test in 1:19.58. Out of the Chief Seattle mare, Salty Lil Sis, Chowda is owned by Eddie F's Racing and spent his Virginia residency at Ingleside as well. He has $48,083 in earnings from four starts.

Rolling into December, another Inglseside raised New York-bred connected at Aqueduct in an identical race. Convict, a 2-year-old Constitution colt, was a neck the best in a $62,000 maiden special weight and scored the same $8,525 Certified bonus that Fight On Lucy and Chowda did. That was Convict's first life start. He is out of Dixie Union mare, Southern Charmer and is owned by Leonard Green.

Virginia-Certified Tass collects a $10,000 bonus from her win at Aqueduct on Nov. 7. Photo courtesy of Adam Coglianese.

All totaled, over $1.2 million in bonus monies have been paid so far this year from over 300 program winners. At the recent Global Racing Symposium in Tucson, VTA Executive Director Debbie Easter was joined on the Symposium stage by Colonial's Jill Byrne and HBPA Executive Director Frank Petramalo. The trio presented the final session at the annual meeting of racing's leaders which focused on Virginia being the "feel good story of the year". In addition to new track owners in New Kent and the return of live racing, the Certified program was highlighted as a major success and a big part of that "feel good" story.

For more details on the Certified program and a list of participating farms and training centers, visit vabred.org. Within 30 days of the horse's arrival in Virginia, participating owners or their agents must submit a registration application for the program along with all applicable fees. Beginning in 2020, Certified registration applications received by mail with arrival dates older than 30 days from when the application was postmarked will be assigned an arrival date matching the postmarked date. On line Certified registration applications will not be accepted with arrival dates older than 30 days. To complete a tardy on line registration, the user will need to adjust the arrival date to be within the 30 day requirement.

Wagering On Historical Horse Races At Rosie's Gaming Emporiums Approaches $1 Billion

The Commonwealth's horse racing industry continues to receive good news as total betting handle from Historical Horse Racing (HHR) terminals at four Rosie's Gaming Emporiums in the state is fast approaching the $1 billion mark. The first site opened April 23 in New Kent and the most recent opened October 29 in Hampton. A total of 2,150 machines are now in operation and through November, have handled $904,894,114. The site in Richmond, which opened July 1, leads the way with 700 terminals and a handle of $357,286,410. The New Kent site at Colonial Downs Racetrack has 600 terminals and a handle of $347,184,392. Vinton, with 150 machines, has handled $138,415,251 and Hampton, which opened most recently, features 700 terminals and is at $62,008,060.

Even with eight different Off Track Betting sites now where fans can place wagers on live simulcast racing (four at Rosie's Emporiums and four VA-Horseplay sites), Virginia's on line betting handle continues to climb when compared to 2018. In November, the state's four licensed ADW companies --- TVG, Xpress Bet, Twin Spires and NYRA Bets --- handled $7,138,498 in wagers and for the year so far, have handled $81,215,279, up 3.12% from 2018. TVG, whose in-state business figures are up over 8% this year, has handled the most of the four, at $38,771,012.

Sadler's Joy Returns To The Winner's Circle

Sadler's Joy, the pride of the Rene and Lauren Woolcott's Woodslane Farm in The Plains, returned to the winner's circle for the first time in more than 20 months November 23 when he captured the Grade 3, $200,000 Red Smith Stakes at Aqueduct. The 6-year-old Kitten's Joy horse completed a two length victory over Red Knight in what was the New York Racing Association's final graded turf stakes for males in 2019.

The Kentucky-bred, who is out of Woodslane's Dynaformer mare, Dynaire, pushed his career bankroll to $2,471,366. In four starts this year, he has earned $321,072. This was his first Grade 3 stakes win. He had previously won the Grade 1 Sword Dancer (2017) and a pair of Grade 2's --- the Mac Diarmida (2018) and Pan American (2017).

Pair Of Virginia-Breds Kick Off December With Back-To-Back Wins at Churchill Downs

Virginia-breds Alex Joon and Ready and Rich captured back-to-back races at Churchill Downs December 1st to kick off the month.

Alex Joon dominated by 8 1/4 lengths in a $76,000 one mile maiden special weight race on dirt. The 2-year-old Flatter colt was seventh at the half but came back strong to finish in 1:37.36. The winner was bred by Morgan's Ford Farm and is owned by Zayat Stables. In the very next race, Ready and Rich was the best $30,000 claimer in a field of ten and like Alex Joon, was racing in seventh at the half. The 3-year-old Super Saver colt came on late in the 6 1/2 furlong dirt test and won by a length in 1:18.31. The victor was bred by the Chance Farm.

Four other Virginia-breds had maiden breaking victories just after Thanksgiving weekend. Eagle Point Farms' Taskinas won a $26,000 maiden claimer at Laurel. The 2-year-old Orientate gelding is out of Toccoa by Purple Comet. Oddseverinurfavor, a 4-year-old Despite the Odds filly, prevailed at Charles Town. She won for the first time in six starts for owner/trainer Donna Lockhard. Blacktop Legend connected in a $41,000 maiden claiming race at Aqueduct. The 3-year-old Hard Spun gelding was bred by Morgan's Ford Farm. Finally, Uncle Andrew collected his first win at Fairgrounds in a $17,000 maiden claimer for 2-year-olds. The Jack Milton gelding was bred by Lazy Lane Farms

1 - Sadler's Joy leads the way home in the Grade 3 Red Smith Stakes November 23. Photo courtesy of Chelsea Durand.
2 - HHR handle at four Rosie's Gaming Emporiums is approaching the $1 billion mark. Photo supplied by VEA.
3 - Virginia-bred Alex Joon kicks off December with a win at Churchill Downs. Photo courtesy of Coady Photography.

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Carlisle and Company: Connected by Horses

By Jeff Gilleas

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Lady Storm was joined by a winner's circle full of Carlisles after her first win this past March. Trainer John Chris Carlisle (far right) is joined by (front row, right to left) Mary Bauer holding daughter Sage, Briley and Atley. The filly's breeder, Dr. Maurice Casey, is to the left wearing a cap.

"I live in a house, but my home is in the barn."

This anonymous quote easily could be attributable to anyone in the Carlisle family unit.

From the head of the household Chris, to Mary Bauer, his partner for over 10 years, to their trio of girls, Briley (12), Atley (10) and Sage (5).

Thirty-nine-year-old John Chris Carlisle, known to everyone as Chris, was born and raised in Charles Town, W.Va., to parents who've spent the majority of their lives connected to the local horse industry. Mother Charlotte Van Pelt as jockey/trainer and father Junior Carlisle as trainer/blacksmith.

The couple also owns and operates a healthy horse transportation business, with Chris as third option during busy periods.

"I was probably 12 or 13 years old when I began to work steadily around horses," said Chris Carlisle. "I learned from the ground up, walking hots, grooming and eventually galloping. By the mid 90s, I was on the road hauling horses throughout the Mid Atlantic."

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At a spry 79 years old, Junior continues to transport horses and is a regular fixture at the barn, while Ms. Charlotte stops by daily to ensure horse laundry is picked-up and returned spotless.

Chris depends heavily on his family and is the first person to acknowledge them for his success.

During training hours, he relies on the skilled opinion of exercise rider and former jockey Todd Dupuis, while in the stalls it is longtime groom Moises Marrero, that fills the role as his second set of eyes.

Chris also credits close friend Townsend "Chum" Coram for lending prudent advice on unsoundness and providing old school remedies.

Like many horsemen, Chris has experienced his share of setbacks, but remains committed to his craft, family and employees.

Sometimes perceived as sullen or brooding, it is my assessment that he is a man that savors the thrill of victory, but tempers his enthusiasm knowing misfortune is often racing's cruel mistress.

Statistically, 2019 has been a solid year for Team Carlisle.

According to Equibase, the talented horseman has amassed 28 firsts, 20 seconds and 17 thirds from 105 starts (through mid-December), winning at a 27 percent clip.

He is a seasoned veteran in the claiming wars, but realizes it is a chancy battle of attrition.

"Kentucky Dancer may be our greatest accomplishment (in 2019)," he said. "Originally, I thought we were nuts, going all the way to Mountaineer Park to drop the slip on a 6-year-old mare in poor form, but her transformation has been a pleasant surprise. Following a brief freshening, she's reeled off two wins, two seconds and a third, while rising from $5,000 to allowance company."

Chris knows owners and good horses make his job easier and lists Winfred L. Hess Jr., Robert Cole, Super C Racing, Matthew Schera, Dr. Maurice Casey, Shannon Casey and Robyn Lynch as individuals who have had the ultimate faith in his ability.

Acknowledging the claiming game has undergone exponential declines in recent years, Mary and Chris have been forced to modify their primary business model.

The recent purchase of a farm, alongside the addition of broodmares, are the couple's latest challenges to take advantage of the Development Fund and energize their family dream.

"Years ago I was an assistant for John McKee and if he told me once, he told me a thousand times to own some mares and breed a few each year. It's taken a while to heed that advice, but we are in the process of trying out his successful formula," said Chris.

The 50-acre farm in nearby Shepherdstown is a work in progress. The couple bought the land in May 2018 and spend seven days a week reforging their project.

"Mary feeds in the morning, as I head to the track," said Chris. "With young children underfoot, its a constant worry for us to succeed. Their future is tied to the future of horse racing here. As a family, we're excited to have a mare in foal to Into Mischief and looking forward to breeding our Indian Charlie mare to Fiber Sonde, hands down the best bargain in the country."

Reaching for his Red Man, Chris and Todd discuss how Lady Storm galloped this morning.

The current "big horse" in the stable is the lightly-raced daughter of Stormy's Majesty out of She's a Lady Cat, owned by Robyn Lynch and Shannon Casey.

Unraced at 2, the West Virginia-bred filly went to the post five times last year at 3 (through Dec. 13) and recorded four wins and a third.

Three allowance wins in a row included her first start away from Charles Town, when she dominated rivals at Mountaineer Park in November, winning by 13¼ lengths and running a 98 Beyer.

"Horses like her make it worthwhile getting out of bed in the morning. I cannot thank Dr. Casey and his daughter Shannon enough for letting me train her," said Chris.

The phone rings and he interrupts the interview to respond.

"I do a reasonable amount of hauling for the Charles Town aftercare program. I'll be on the road shortly," he was heard to say.

Aftercare Charles Town (ACT)was formed in 2013 to provide Charles Town horsemen an outlet, whereby horses ending their racing careers can find a good home.

They are dedicated to the re-homing and re-purposing of retired racehorses.

Chris noted, "This is a great idea. It gives horses like Doherty, once trained by me, a second chance."

After 47 career starts, including 14 at Charles Town, the now 10-year-old gelding found a new home and new occupation with the help of ACT.

He has been with his present owner for over a year and together they are experiencing the world of three-day eventing.

On his way out of the tackroom Chris reflectively says, "This is a tough game, but it's been my ambition since a kid."

Laughing, he adds, "I guess you better be careful what you wish for."

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, racing.wv.gov.
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With selfless act of sportsmanship, 2019 jockey title ends in a tie

Michael Mitchell had the 2019 jockey championship at his mercy after his compatriot Jack Doyle sustained a season-ending injury in the last race and at the last fence of the Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens on Nov. 9.

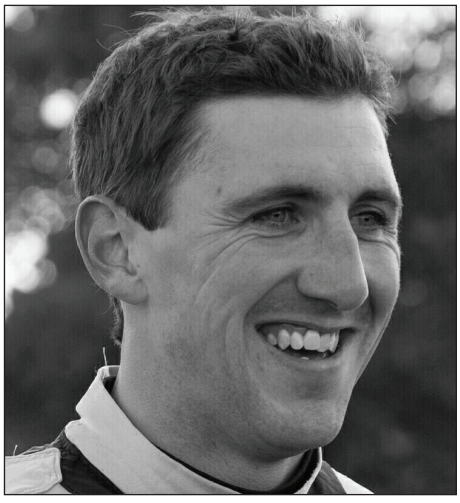
Mitchell only had to make a few calls, or take a few calls, and get on the favorites at the season-ending Steeplechase at Charleston at Stono Ferry on Nov. 17. He certainly would have had a full dance card, and one win in five jump races would have given him the championship over Doyle, who is recovering from a fractured jaw sustained in the Callaway allowance hurdle for four-year-olds.

One race earlier, Mitchell had climbed into a tie with Doyle for year-end honors with his victory aboard Storm Team in the Aflac Supreme Hurdle. The English-born jockey, who was New Zealand's champion jockey in 2015, had every chance of occupying the line as 2019's champion jockey in the National Steeplechase Association annals.

Instead, the 2019 jockey title will contain two lines, one for Mitchell and one for Doyle, after Mitchell declined to take any mounts at Charleston. In a magnanimous action, Mitchell refused to take advantage of Doyle's misfortune. Thus, the title ends in a tie, with each jockey having 20 victories.

Mitchell's action was widely hailed, and especially by Doyle, who reported on Facebook that he would have his jaw wired shut for four to six weeks after undergoing surgery at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital. "Goes to show what an unbelievably classy guy he is!" Doyle wrote in his posting.

The *Racing Post*, in reporting Mitchell's decision, likened it to John Francome's decision to end the 1982 National Hunt season tied with Peter Scudamore, who had been injured in April while leading for the championship. Francome pulled into a tie and then declined the rest of his starts for the season.



The NSA jockey champion ended in a tie between Michael Mitchell, left, and Jack Doyle.
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Mitchell and Doyle had been locked in a seesaw battle for the title from the start of the year. Doyle started the year well, but Mitchell caught fire in late April and led the standings by six wins, 15 to Doyle's nine, after the Fair Hill meet at the end of May. Mitchell went cold over the summer, and Doyle made steady progress into the early fall.

Doyle took the lead with a win at the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, and Mitchell drew even with the Aflac Supreme Hurdle win. Mitchell led the year's purse-earnings standings, with $733,550 to Doyle's $597,250. Mitchell's 2019 purses haul is the fourth-largest ever. Leading that list is Gus Brown's $815,897 in 2001.

The trainer title, both by wins and earnings, was not close at all. Jack Fisher, who also sat out the Charleston meet, ended the year with 37 victories, the highest total since Jonathan Sheppard had the same number in 1994. Sheppard has the highest total in American Steeplechasing's modern era, 39, in 1988.

Fisher, who started the year impressively and maintained a winning pace throughout the

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NSA elects five directors at annual meeting

The National Steeplechase Association elected five members to its Board of Directors at the annual meeting held on Nov. 20 at the NSA headquarters in Fair Hill, Md.

NSA President Guy J. Torsilieri and Vice President Doug Fout were re-elected to new three-year terms. Joining the board at the beginning of the year are owners Sean Clancy, Thomas J. Collins, and Jeffrey L. LeHew.

The NSA annually elects five members to its 15-member Board of Directors, and they begin their terms at the start of the year.

Here are the five directors in alphabetical order.

Sean Clancy is a former champion jockey (1998), an Eclipse Award-winning writer (2009), and co-owner and co-publisher of *The Saratoga Special* and *thisishorseracing.com* with his brother, Joe. He is the principal of Sean Clancy Bloodstock and Riverdee Stable, a partnership that currently races Grade 2 winner Gibralfaro. He was responsible for the purchases of Hall of Fame member Good Night Shirt and Grand National (Gr. 1) winner Mr. Hot Stuff, among others.

Doug Fout

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Thomas J. Collins is the founder and chairman of Collins Engineers, a nationwide, diversified consulting engineering company based in Chicago, that provides design and analysis services coupled with field inspection services to the transportation, marine, construction, and land-development industries. He and his wife, Roxanne, race as Ballybristol Farm and campaign, among others, 2019 timber champion Andi'amu.

P. Douglas Fout, a second-generation professional steeplechase horseman, has been the NSA's vice president since 2009. He was a steeplechase jockey in the 1970s and 1980s before transitioning to training. Perennially among the sport's top-10 trainers, he trained Hirapour to the 2004 Eclipse Award as North America's champion steeplechase horse. He also serves as president and clerk of course for the Middleburg Spring Races.

Jeffrey L. LeHew is the president of Via Satellite Inc., a diversified communications company that, among other services, provides satellite television and internet service in most of Virginia, and parts of West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. He served as an adviser to the NSA's Promotion and Growth Committee in selecting a provider for high-definition video coverage of race meets. He is a director of the Virginia Gold Cup Association and a current Joint Master of FoxHounds for the Blue Ridge Hunt He and his family race as Shannon Hill Farm.

Guy J. Torsilieri has been president of the National Steeplechase Association since 2009 and also is the long-serving chairman of the Far Hills Race Meeting in New Jersey. Under his guidance, Far Hills has become the largest NSA race meet by purse distribution and inaugurated pari-mutuel wagering in 2018. He and his family own and operate Torsilieri Inc., a diversified landscaping and production-services company best known for selecting, delivering, and installing the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree each year.

Fisher establishes purses mark for trainer

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season, shattered his record for purse earnings at the Far Hills meet and ended the year with $1,590,500. He had established the record in 2017 with $1,321,150 and smashed that mark by a more than a quarter-million dollars this year.

Finishing second by both wins and earnings was Sheppard, who had 20 wins and purses of $690,500.

For the second time in three years, Bruton Street-US ruled as the champion owner with $614,500. The partnership of Michael Hankin, Charles C. Fenwick Jr., and Charles Noell raced Scorpiancer, the Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) winner who was third on the earnings list, and Snap Decision, the Foxbrook Champion Hurdle winner who was fourth on the list.

Leading the earnings table was Brain Power, the Grand National (Gr. 1) winner in his only U.S. start, followed by Winston C, who won Saratoga Race Course's Grade 1 races, the A. P. Smithwick and New York Turf Writers Cup, for owner Hudson River Farms and trainer Sheppard.

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P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Chris Merz. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to May 3; www.marylandracing.com.

Parx Racing
P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096. (215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary: David Osojnak. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to Dec. 29; www.parxracing.com.

Penn National
P.O. Box 32, Grantville, Pa. 17028. (717) 469-2211; (800) 233-8238. Racing Secretary: Jenny Tipa. Racing dates: Jan. 3 to Dec. 19; www.pennnational.com.

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5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Chris Merz. Racing dates: May 7 to May 25; www.marylandracing.com.

OTHER TRACKS

Aqueduct—Jan. 1 to March 29
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Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to June 21
Sunland Park—Dec. 26 to April 21
Tampa Bay Downs—Nov. 27 to May 3
Turf Paradise—Oct. 12 to May 3
Turfway Park—Jan. 1 to March 28

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year-Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or (410) 252-5860. May 18, 19.

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Winter Mixed, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Jan. 28, 29.
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Spring Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. April 21-24.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Stallion Auction, www.pabred.com. (610) 444-1050. Jan. 16-18.
Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Stallion Auction, www.dtha.com. (302) 994-2521. Jan. 16-19.
Virginia Thoroughbred Association Stallion Auction, www.vabred.org. (434) 531-2480. Feb. 11.
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SEMINARS

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Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference, Mid-Atlantic Feed Industry Council Inc., Hunt Valley, Md. (301) 405-1547; https://ansc.umd.edu/extension/mid-atlantic-nutrition-conference; e-mail: jenreyn@umd.edu. April 7-8.

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Canter & Crawl: The Glass Sculpture of Joan Danzier, National Sporting Library & Museum, Middleburg, Va. www.nsl.org. (540) 687-6542. May 17 to Jan. 5.
Horse World Expo, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, Pa. (301) 916-0852, email: info@horseworldexpo.com; www.horseworldexpo.com. Feb. 27 to March 1.
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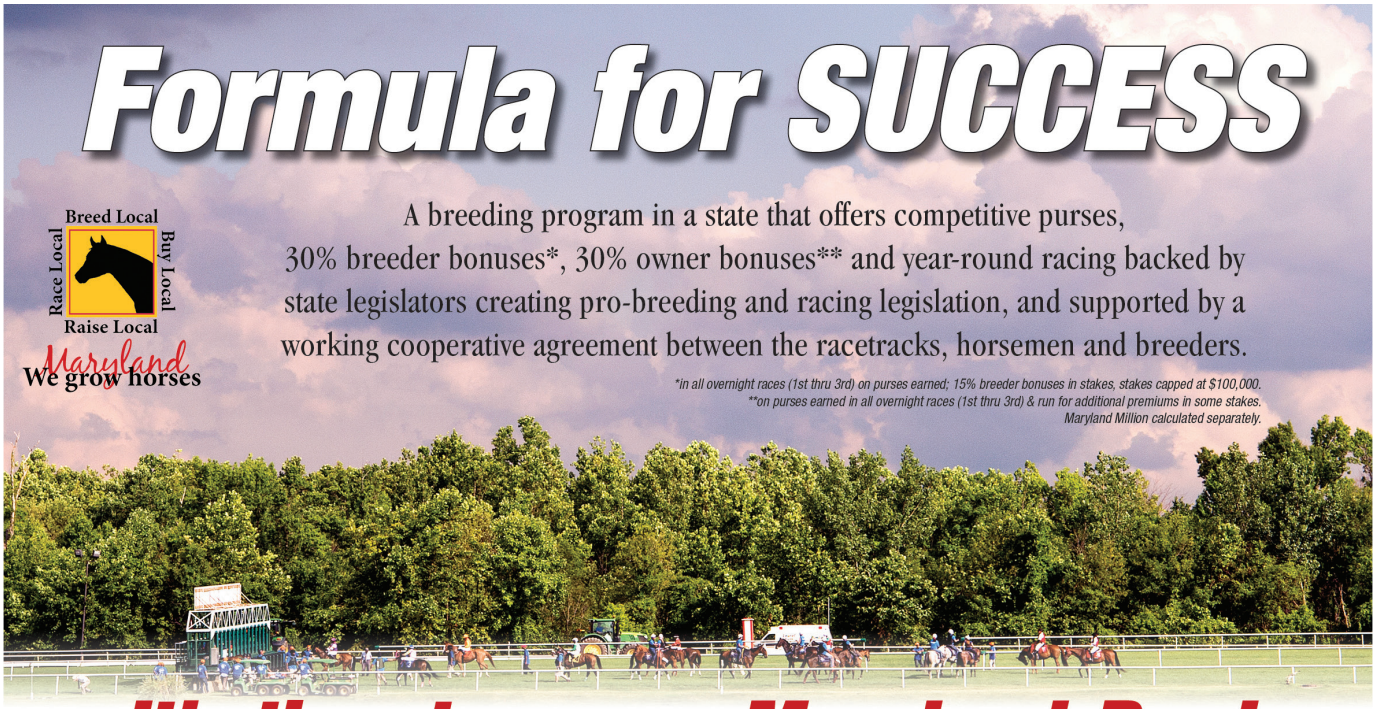
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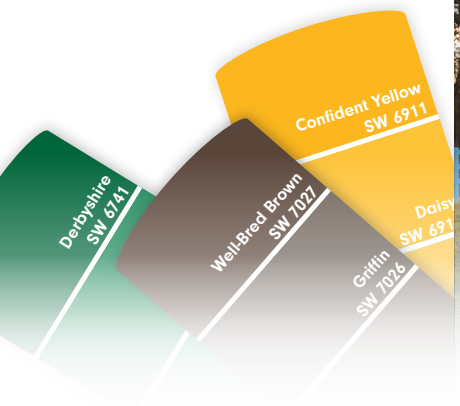

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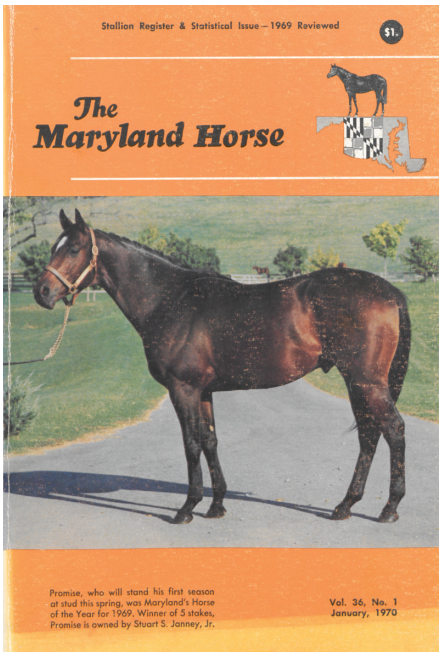
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The Maryland Horse
Promise, who will stand his first season at stud this spring, was Maryland's Horse of the Year for 1969. Winner of 5 stakes, Promise is owned by Stuart S. Janney, Jr.
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50 years ago

■ Stuart S. Janney Jr.'s Promise was named Maryland-bred Horse of the Year after winning five of eight starts in 1969, including the Carter and Equipoise Mile Handicaps. Trained his 4-year-old season by Frank Y. Whiteley Jr., the son of The Irishman was the second foal out of Vowed, a Dedicate mare bred by Janney's mother-in-law Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps.

Promise was retired to Glade Valley Farm near Frederick, Md., to stand his first year at stud.

Promise's stud career was shortlived due to fertility issues. In his second season he got one mare in foal and was put back in training. He never raced again, was gelded and became a hunter. Eleven of his dozen foals started, eight won.

■ Wilhelmina Trueman, soon to turn 77, was likely the oldest woman trainer in the country. "There may be some older," she said, "but where they are, I don't know."

Trueman had been working with horses for 57 years, 50 as assistant for her husband Elmer until his death seven years earlier. Looking back on her career, Trueman fondly recalled the filly Toddle On, the 1937 Maryland Futurity winner she bred, owned and raised and was trained by Elmer.

Based at Bowie with a five-horse stable, Trueman was on hand for every Bowie meet since the track opened in 1914. "What do you think I should do," she jokingly asked. "Stay home and crochet like an old lady?"

■ Sagamore Farm's late Native Dancer led all sires in the nation with five offspring on the 36th annual Experimental Handicap, the evaluation of North America's top 2-year-olds of the previous season. Bold Ruler, Jaipur and Ridan were tied for second with four each. Protanto was the highest weighted from Native Dancer's next-to-last crop, at 120 pounds, eight pounds less than 2-year-old champion Silent Screen.

Ten other Maryland stallions were represented, with Nearctic, Rambunctious and Sunrise Flight next with two runners each. Virginia-bred Hagley was the topweight from the region, at 119; highest weighted Maryland-bred was Rambunctious' son Rollicking (at 116).

■ Northern Dancer's son Nijinsky II was the topweighted 2-year-old on the English Free Handicap, assigned 133 pounds after winning his only start in England; he was expected to top the Irish Free Handicap as well after winning all four starts.

David McCall, manager of owner Charles W. Engelhard's European racing stable, had high hopes for Nijinsky II's success in the English classic Two Thousand Guineas, but questioned the colt's ability to get the 1½ miles of the Epsom Derby.

With two crops to race, Northern Dancer was the sire of eight stakes winners in 1969, including top Canadian 2-year-old filly Fanfreluche. He was standing the 1970 season at his breeder/owner E.P. Taylor's Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City, Md.

Nijinsky II became one of racing's immortals. He is the last horse to win the English Triple Crown, taking the Guineas, Derby and the 1¾-mile St. Leger, added a victory in the Irish Sweeps Derby, and became a leading sire.

■ Stallions standing in Maryland increased more than 100 percent over the previous decade. The 1970 roster listed 190, compared to 92 in 1960. The most expensive were Northern Dancer and his sire Nearctic, each for $15,000. The latter, standing at Allaire duPont's Woodstock Farm in Chesapeake City, was the state's leading sire of stakes winners, and ranked second in the nation behind Bold Ruler.

75 years ago

■ James F. Byrnes, director of War Mobilization, called for racing to cease across the country Jan. 3. Reporting from Florida, Don Reed wrote: "To say that this was a shock to the hundreds of horsemen in this area is putting it mildly. Apparently, there had been no warning to the leaders of the sport, for everyone down here was caught flatfooted when the news came over the press wires."

Reed continued: "Everyone agreed that if the war effort was to be helped or that closing of the sport would shorten the war by even a single day, then racing should be ready and willing to make the sacrifice, even though it meant personal hardships for many of the owners and trainers."

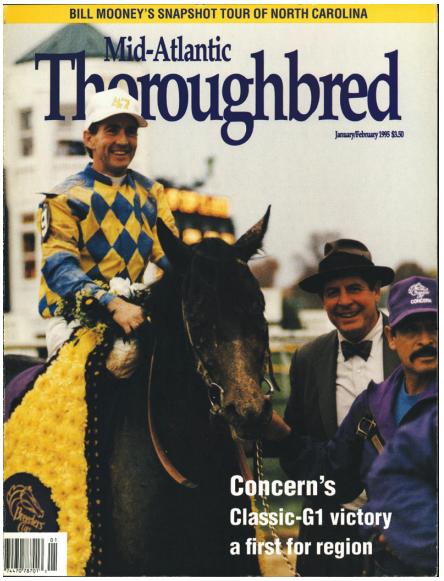
Racing resumed in May, just after the celebration of V-E Day, May 8.

■ William Brann's *Challenger II became the first Maryland sire to lead the nation by 2-year-old winners, with 15 from a crop of 31 registered foals. The Glade Valley stallion also recorded his seventh consecutive title as Maryland's leading sire of year, with progeny earnings of nearly $340,000, edging Sagamore Farm's Discovery by less than $5,000. The Glade Valley stallion once again appeared on the cover of *The Maryland Horse*.

■ Christiana Stable's 3-year-old Megogo, sent out by trainer John A. Healey, won the 2½-mile Pimlico Cup in an easy gallop.

Trainer John Healey (left) greets Christiana Stable's endurance runner Megogo after the Pimlico Cup.

The race was "revived after a dozen years' lapse. . . now at the true cup distance," noted Humphrey S. Finney. Megogo was a son of "the sprinting Menow from Negoporte, by *Negofol, whence the stamina exhibited at Pimlico."



25 years ago

■ The "Mid-Atlantic region's best Breeders' Cup ever," saw the day's two biggest races—the $3 million Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and $2 million Breeders' Cup Turf-G1—go to Maryland-bred Concern and Pennsylvania-bred Tikkanen.

The first horse bred in the region to win the Classic, Robert Meyerhoff's Concern, a homebred son of the breeder's Grade 1-winning homebred Broad Brush, shocked the Churchill Downs crowd as he rallied from last under Jerry Bailey to mow down Preakness and Belmont winner Tabasco Cat and win by a neck. Burt Bacharach's West Virginia-bred Soul of the Matter, by Maryland sire Private Terms, finished fourth.

European-based Tikkanen, a George Strawbridge homebred trained by Jonathan Pease, also was far back early and rallied from last of 14 under Mike Smith to surge past favored Virginia-bred Paradise Creek in deep stretch and win going away. Paradise Creek finished third. Tikkanen's course record of 2:26.50 for 1½ miles stands to this day.

Also of note was the third by Maryland-bred Unfinished Symph, by former Maryland stallion Aloha Prospector, in the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1. And a Breeders' Cup first when Virginia-bred half-brothers Honor the Hero and Prenup faced off in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1, the latter campaigned by breeder Edward P. Evans. Honor the Hero finished seventh after setting a scorching pace; Prenup, by Maryland sire Smarten, was 13th of 14.

■ Sea Hero, winner of the 1993 Kentucky Derby-G1 and Travers-G1 for owner/breeder Paul Mellon and trainer Mack Miller, retired to stud at Lane's End Farm in Kentucky. The Virginia-bred won six of 24 starts and earned $2,929,869.

■ Charles Town was on the verge of closing after Jefferson County voters turned down a measure to allow video lottery machines at the West Virginia track. Experiencing declines in attendance and handle for six consecutive years, the track was projecting a bottom-line loss of $1.3 million; 1994 purse distribution averaged $31,000 a day. Keith Wagner, the track's president, announced Charles Town would not seek dates for 1995.

■ Charming Alibi, dam of champion race mare and outstanding producer Dahlia, along with Canadian Bound (by Secretariat), the first million-dollar auction sales yearling, died from complications of old age at Albert Coppola's Drumlanrig Farm near Upperville, Va. She was 31.

Coppola had purchased the mare six years earlier for $17,000 out of the Nelson Bunker Hunt dispersal; her last foal was born in 1986.

■ Freshman sire Citidancer, standing at Country Life Farm in Bel Air, Md., got his first stakes winner when 2-year-old filly Urbane captured Hollywood Park's Mocassin. Bred in Maryland by Frank J. Zureick and Violet Cleveland, she raced for Jan, Mace and Samantha Siegel.

Urbane went on to become a multiple Grade 1-winning millionaire and a stellar producer, counting among her seven winners millionaire Suave.

10 years ago

■ Zenyatta's victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 over Santa Anita's synthetic track was in a league by itself as she soared past the boys to remain undefeated in 14 starts. A descendant from the famed Virginia nursery Newstead Farm's foundation mare Mrs. Peterkin, California-based Zenyatta faced the toughest test of her career, rallied from far back and drove home to win by a length over Gio Ponti and 10 others, including that year's Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Mine That Bird and Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Summer Bird. One horse the 5-year-old mare didn't face was Edward P. Evan's Quality Road, who was scratched after a harrowing display at the gate which included nearly getting loose while blindfolded.

George Strawbridge's Informed Decision was a handful for her trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

■ Pennsylvanians George Strawbridge (Augustin Stable) and Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard had a stellar Breeders' Cup as Strawbridge's Informed Decision remained undefeated over synthetic tracks when taking the Filly and Mare Sprint-G1. Purchased for $320,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale, the 4-year-old filly solidified her championship claim.

Sheppard sent out two other Breeders' Cup runners and watched S J Stables' Cloudy's Knight finish second by a nose in the 1¾-mile Marathon, and Augustin Stable's 2008 female turf champion Forever Together finish third while seeking to defend her title in the Filly and Mare Turf-G1. "You've got a sprinter, a middle distance turf horse and a marathoner," Sheppard said the next day. "There's no rhyme or reason for it, except fate, because presumably I've trained them the same way I have for the last 43 years and I've never had three horses like this before. Well, we've had a few like Cloudy."

■ John A. Casey-bred, -owned and -trained 2-year-old filly Down Town Allen beat the boys for the second time in a month, adding a victory in the West Virginia Futurity to her score in the Tri-State Futurity at Charles Town. In nine starts she crossed the finish line first five times, and was second or third in the other four. She would have had four stakes wins had she not been disqualified to last in the WV Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic for interference out of the gate—she led at every call and hit the line 7½ lengths in front.

■ Longtime timber racing aficionado Irv Naylor led all National Steeplechase Association owners with 10 victories, and placed second by money earned, with $288,025—less than $4,000 behind The Fields Stable for the championship.

From 2009-18, Naylor led the owners' earnings list six times, and was second or third in the others.

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ACROSTIC

By Vinnie Perrone

Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. NOTE: The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES	WORDS
A. The Downs Col. Matt Winn made famous	9 113 54 138 66 148 95 29 77
B. 'Star-Spangled Banner' or 'O, Canada,' e.g.	30 90 45 102 60 154
C. Claiborne homebred won Frizette, produced Pulpit	3 150 49 84 110 120
D. Where a head-bobber wins: 3 wds.	146 79 101 59 37 157 13 48 88
E. Pinch between two runners	141 44 106 69 163 27 124 91
F. Word associated with equine shoulder atrophy	156 25 111 98 16 123 68
G. Draw from a purse	143 35 112 14
H. Runco sprinter won Not For Love in '18 & '19	11 70 31 159 46 135 56 149 97 119
I. Tennis great fought racism and heart disease: 2 wds.	144 71 50 26 108 93 10 128 83 155
J. Neither's frequent partner	24 136 122
K. Monastery	164 87 132 7 33
L. He trained G1 winners Obviously, Kela: 2 wds.	131 118 67 151 34 81 142 51 22 2 161 12
M. W.Ryan's 1909 Preakness winner made 160 starts	23 100 6 121 57 78 139
N. Japanese site of last major WWII battle	153 61 99 129 32 1 114
O. Trainer of Hostage & D.C. International hero Buckhar	147 42 133 89 18 104 55
P. Godolphin star, by Helmet, has 2 Dubai cups: 2 wds.	47 158 76 140 36 103 8 116 63 125 21
Q. Crystal Springs Farm (NM) owner raced Gentlemen	38 130 72 96 162 53 115
R. All persons	127 85 62 28 165 75 109 43
S. Offspring	41 19 82
T. It emits a horse's pulse	17 94 58 5 160 73
U. Baffert trainee was 2019 Haskell runner-up: 2 wds.	126 65 152 52 107 15 137 40 80 92
V. His 1970 hit 'War' topped Billboard chart: 2 wds.	86 145 74 39 105 20 64 117 4 134

	1 N	2 L		3 C	4 V	5 T	6 M	7 K	8 P
	9 A	10 I	11 H	12 L	13 D	14 G	15 U		16 F
17 T	18 O	19 S	20 V		21 P	22 L	23 M	24 J	
25 F	26 I	27 E	28 R	29 A	30 B	31 H	32 N	33 K	
34 L	35 G	36 P	37 D		38 Q	39 V	40 U		41 S
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157 D	158 P	159 H	160 T	161 L	162 Q	163 E	164 K	165 R	

(RALEIGH) BURROUGHS: CHRISTMAS CHEER. A BOY WAKES UP ON CHRISTMAS MORNING, SURPRISED TO FIND A HEAP OF HORSE MANURE UNDER THE TREE. HIS PARENTS DISCOVER HIM GLEEFULLY SHOVELING. 'WITH ALL THIS MANURE,' HE EXCLAIMS, 'THERE MUST BE A PONY SOMEWHERE.'

A. Bushwood
B. Umpires
C. Retire
D. Remedies
E. Orseno
F. Unproven
G. Gelds
H. Hambletonian
I. Straw
J. Chilly
K. Hushion
L. Reins
M. Immense
N. Shipper
O. Take Charge Lady
P. Moss
Q. Atrophy
R. Shut off
S. Calumet Farm
T. Hee Haw
U. Exhausting
V. Eleven
W. Rit

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